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AP photos
Supporters of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat chant slogans Wednesday while holding photos of him with French President Jacques Chirac during a demonstration in Gaza City in the Gaza Strip. Arafat was hospitalized at the Percy Military Teaching Hospital at Clamart outside Paris on Friday after collapsing at his West Bank headquarters in Ramallah.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Maryland courthouse fire: Fire investigators returned Thursday to probe the smoldering remnants of the 123-year-old courthouse in Prince George's County, Md. Working in a light drizzle, investigators were trying to find evidence that would lead them to the cause of a fire Wednesday morning that destroyed the red-brick building in less than three hours.

The building, known as the Duvall Wing of the courthouse complex, had been undergoing a \$27 million renovation for 18 months. Officials believe there were at least 55 construction workers on the site when the fire began in the roof area.

Santa Monica farmers market crash: An 87-year-old man whose car plowed into a Santa Monica farmers market last year, killing 10 people, was ordered Wednesday to stand trial for manslaughter.

George Russell Weller will be tried on 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, a Los Angeles County judge ruled.

The Santa Monica man is to be arraigned on Nov. 17. Weller, who has pleaded not guilty, could be sentenced to up to 18 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

Weller's attorney, Jim Bianco, told the judge the crash was an accident that occurred when his client hit the gas pedal instead of the brake.

Car-attack case: The attorney for a woman convicted of running over her cheating husband is accused of overcharging her during her murder trial.

Lawyer George Parnham never provided former Friendswood dentist Clara Harris detailed invoices for how he was using extra funds she paid, according to papers filed in the lawsuit Wednesday.

Parnham, according to the filings in Harris County civil court, initially required that Harris pay a \$75,000 fee for representing her at the trial court level.

Michael Jackson case: A judge on Thursday rejected a defense effort to remove the district attorney in the Michael Jackson child molestation case on the grounds that the pop star had been the victim of an over-zealous prosecution.

Judge Rodney Melville said the law is clear that the only way he could remove District Attorney Tom Sneddon and his office is "if a conflict existed where the defendant could not receive a fair trial." He said no such conflict existed. "I believe he has not been excessively zealous and has not threatened the integrity of the case to this point," the judge said of the prosecutor.

Jackson's lawyer, Thomas Mesereau Jr., said Sneddon and his office had spent more money pursuing Jackson than they had on the cases of serial killers, showing that they had lost perspective.

World

Chechen operations: A top Chechen security official threatened Thursday to conduct new anti-terrorist military operations in the rugged Pankisi Gorge, across the border in neighboring Georgia.



Japan earthquake: Students take shelter under desks at an elementary school in Tokamachi, Japan, on Thursday following a strong earthquake. Northern Japan is still recovering from last month's magnitude-6.8 quake, the Meteorological Agency said. The latest tremor led to at least one injury. More aftershocks are expected, the agency said. Also Thursday, another victim of last month's quake died, bringing the death toll to 39.

Ramzan Kadyrov, who controls a widely feared security force in war-ravaged Chechnya, said Georgia must establish order in the border region, according to the Interfax news agency.

"We here in Chechnya are sick and tired of silently watching terrorists being trained and armed in Pankisi and sent to Chechnya," Kadyrov was quoted as saying by Interfax.

U.N. hostages in Afghanistan: Militants claiming to hold three U.N. hostages said Thursday that talks on their demands, including the release of Taliban prisoners, had broken down, and they would decide Friday whether to kill the trio.

The Jaish-ul-Muslimeen, a shadowy Taliban splinter group, told The Associated Press that Irish-British hostage Annetta Flanagan was "seriously ill" because of the strain of her captivity, and all three were sickened by a diet of little more than cookies.

A purported commander for the group said U.N. and Afghan officials contacted them by telephone Thursday but were "not ready for negotiations."

Ivory Coast cease-fire: Government warplanes bombed the largest city in Ivory Coast's rebel-held north Thursday, breaking a more than year-old cease-fire in what a government commander called a major drive to reunite the war-divided West African nation.

Air raids on the northern rebel stronghold of Bouake threatened an all-out return to Ivory Coast's civil war — ended by a 2003 peace deal after nine months of fighting. The war left Ivory Coast, the world's top cocoa producer, split in two, with rebels controlling the north.

Union Carbide disaster cleanup: Experts on Thursday urged the removal of thousands of tons of toxic waste from the Union Carbide pesticide plant in central India where a devastating gas leak killed 15,000 people 20 years ago.

The gas leak at the Union Carbide plant in

Madhya Pradesh state capital, Bhopal, was one of the world's worst industrial accidents.

At a seminar on the disaster, experts said nearly 25,000 tons of toxic waste remain in the factory since it stopped operations on December 4, 1984 — a day after lethal methyl isocyanate gas leaked into the atmosphere, killing thousands of people and contaminating local water and soil.

Gulf War Syndrome: Britain is testing the health of thousands of soldiers who fought in Iraq, defense officials said Thursday, as research into Gulf War illnesses continues.

The Ministry of Defense has commissioned specialists to survey 7,700 soldiers who took part in the March 2003 Iraq invasion. The troops have been asked to fill out detailed questionnaires on their physical and psychological health, and will be compared against a control group of 10,000 soldiers who did not take part in the invasion.

A preliminary report by the King's Center for Military Health Research is expected in April 2005.

Business

Enron collapse convictions: Four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and a former midlevel Enron Corp. finance executive have been convicted of conspiracy and fraud in first criminal trial of Enron and Wall Street executives for their role in the energy company's 2001 collapse. The five men were convicted Wednesday of helping push through a bogus year-end 1999 sale of interest in floating power plant barges to the brokerage so Enron could appear to have met earnings targets.

But the jury acquitted a former in-house Enron accountant, Sheila Kahanek, who testified she consistently opposed a verbal promise that the government contended made the deal a loan — that Enron would re-sell or buy back Merrill's interest within six months.

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2nd term not expected to shake up Pentagon

By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — With President Bush's re-election, the plans and programs of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, notably transformation of the military and the strategy in Iraq, are expected to go forward.

Rumsfeld, at 72, is "very energetic" and has goals he still wants to accomplish, Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita told Stars and Stripes.

"As far as bringing this department into the 21st century [through] transformation, I think we are closer to the beginning than to the end," Di Rita said.

Rumsfeld will stay for at least another year in order to see through two of his key undertakings: transformation and the war in Iraq, according to Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with the think tank Lexington Institute in Alexandria, Va.

"Most people around Rumsfeld say if [he is] asked, he's willing to stay for a substantial period of time. The biggest reason is transformation of the military, which is only partially complete, and feels that it is his legacy as secretary."

That's something he wants to see through, to fruition, Thompson said.

"And people around Rumsfeld say he believes the strategy in Iraq is going to work if given more time, and [he] wants to stick around to prove he was right."

The war in Iraq will dominate foreign policy as the White House seeks to stabilize and secure the

country, bring in a self-governing body, boost the economy and then bring home the U.S. troops, Di Rita said. There is no time line and progress will be dictated by circumstances and quashing insurgents, he said.

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is in the middle of his second year term and plans to serve out the remainder of the appointment, which ends Sept. 30, 2005. Typically, chairmen serve only the two-year terms, an official said.

Some officials are expecting personnel turnover, including the top civilian service chiefs.

The Army's stand-in secretary for the past 18 months, Deputy Army Secretary Les Brownlee, was not nominated for the top spot.

The White House's nomination went to Francis Harvey, who since January 1999 had served as director of the federal contractor

Durtek Inc., was former chief operating officer of Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Industries and Technology Group, and has served on board companies controlled by the Carlyle Group, a private investment firm with close ties to the Bush family.

His confirmation was stalled in the Senate following his Oct. 6 hearing, but is scheduled to be the first order of business when the Senate reconvenes Nov. 16.

Harvey faced criticism during the hearing from Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a member of the Armed Services Committee, over boosting troop strength, which Reed favors. Harvey was noncommittal during the hearing.

Harvey was nominated Sept. 14, nearly five months after former Secretary Thomas White abruptly resigned in April after repeated sparring with Rumsfeld. But the process was bumpy. The first nominee, Air Force Secretary James Roche, withdrew his

nomination because of controversy over plans to lease Boeing refueling tankers.

Roche also has faced controversy and friction with top leadership, but wants to serve at the will of the president, said Lt. Col. Will Nichols, his spokesman.

"He's taking a wait-and-see approach at what plans the administration has."

Navy Secretary Gordon England remains happy to serve as the Navy's top civilian leader, said his spokesman, Capt. Kevin Wensing.

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark, was confirmed by the Senate on July 8 for a two-year term. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, is slated to leave his job in September after completing the allotted four-year term. Army Chief of Staff Peter Schoomaker took the reins in August 2003.

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Rumsfeld

Naples base is backdrop for Vesuvius film

By JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Naples is famous for its good food, bad traffic and beautiful location.

But it's also famous for its nearby neighbor, the volcano Mount Vesuvius.

A British Broadcasting Corp. film crew was at Naval Support Activity Naples on Wednesday, filming a segment for an upcoming BBC/Discovery Channel documentary on the volcano, which is about 5 miles from the base.

The crew filmed two segments during the day.

It opened with the morning flag-raising ceremony, which, from the crew's rooftop location, gives viewers a good look at how close Vesuvius is to the base.

It also taped base commander Capt. Dave Frederick, who gave an overview on what options the base could enact if the volcano erupts again.

Base officials have emergency plans in case an eruption or another natural disaster hits the area, and all base personnel and family members are briefed on the possibility of a Vesuvius eruption on their arrival.

Vesuvius last erupted in 1944, and, according to the Discovery Channel Web site, is one of the world's most dangerous volcanoes, with more than 500,000 people living within a 4-mile danger zone between the volcano and the Bay of Naples.

"It's shown in its past history that it can be particularly dangerous," said volcanologist Victoria Bruce, who accompanied the crew during its 10 days in the Naples area.

The base, she said, "definitely could be in the path of a



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

A BBC crew tapes the morning flag-raising ceremony Wednesday at Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, as the sun rises over Mount Vesuvius, in distance. The crew was filming for a joint BBC/Discovery Channel documentary on the volcano.

major eruption of Vesuvius. In that case, I hope they have a good plan of action."

The documentary is expected to run on the Discovery Channel in February, following a documentary-drama on the last days of Pompeii, the nearby city destroyed by Vesuvius in A.D. 79.

"Our show ... gives the 'lowdown' on what's happening

now: what the volcano is doing, what the authorities are doing and what the Americans are doing," Bruce said.

Bruce holds a master's degree in volcanology from the University of California at Riverside and has previously worked on other volcanoes near large cities, including Mount Rainier near Seattle.

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Soldier gets 10 months for missing movement, disrespect

By RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

A soldier is serving 10 months in jail after pleading guilty to a court-martial last month to missing movement and disrespect toward commissioned and noncommissioned officers.

Spec. Chance McDonald, 25, of the 1st Battalion, 33rd Field Artillery Regiment in

Bamberg, Germany, also was reduced in rank to private and given a bad-conduct discharge at the Oct. 22 hearing.

In April 2004, McDonald, who was deployed to Iraq, went on emergency leave when his half-brother died suddenly. McDonald was scheduled to return to his unit on April 24, but went drinking instead, deliberately missing movement, according to a summary provided by the legal office in

Würzburg, Germany.

Less than two weeks later, he became angry during a physical training formation because there was a shortage of training rifles, the summary stated. At the time, he was disrespectful to two NCOs and his rear detachment commander.

He was placed in pre-trial confinement June 4.

McDonald was sentenced to 14 months'

confinement, but as part of a pre-trial agreement for his guilty plea, he will serve no more than 10 months in jail, minus 141 days of pre-trial confinement.

Judge (Col.) Stephanie Browne asked the convening authority to waive forfeitures of pay and allowances for six months.

The case now goes to the convening authority for review and action.

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NATO starts 1st course training Iraqi officials

By LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — NATO's eight-day "pilot program" to train senior Iraqi security officials in Norway is under way and the alliance has already carved out space on its calendar for more, according to British Army Major-General James Short.

Short, acting commander of NATO's Joint Warfare Center in Stavanger, Norway, told reporters Thursday that while NATO officials are waiting for Iraqi officials to request another class, "there is a slot on the calendar next spring" at the center should such a request be rendered.

The make-up of any future classes is not known, Short said.

"This is a pilot course, and we are very much feeling our way," Short said.

The so-called Iraqi Key Leader training course, the first time NATO has participated in training Iraqis outside Iraq, is focusing on "civilian and military relationships and how the various parties can work together to solve problems," Short said.

Classes began Nov. 1 and have proved a success, Short said, with the Iraqis "very keen to learn and ask[ing] very interesting and challenging questions."

But security in Iraq is so tenuous that one participant declined to offer his name and even whether he was civilian or military.

"We want to go back home and serve our country, not go back home and get killed ... or kidnapped," the official said through a translator.

The Iraqi official said one of the biggest obstacles to calming the security situation "is a lack of coordination between senior officials all over Iraq."

"A lot of wrong decisions were made from various sides," the official said.

As a result, improvements in security "are slow and getting slower," the Iraqi official said. "People are starting to lose confidence in the process."

At the same time, the official said, "we have attendance in Prime Minister [Ayad Allawi] and the interim government ... We hope that if we establish the security forces on the right basis, we will be able" to get security under control.

The eight days of classes, Short said, in-

clude a series of lectures, along with exercises in problem solving and a final exercise that combines all of the lessons learned.

Lt. Cmdr. Joe Carpenter, a Pentagon spokesman compared the course to a senior-level U.S. military course such as Capstone, which is a short class offered to new general officers right after they pin on their first star, teaching them the fine points of working with other government agencies and even the media.

NATO's training inside Iraq now includes 60 officers and noncommissioned officers from 10 NATO countries, according to a fact sheet issued by the alliance.

NATO continues to refuse to conduct combat operations in Iraq, however.

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Germany planning to close down 105 bases

By JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — While U.S. officials work on plans for massive closures of U.S. military bases in Germany in the coming years, the German military is preparing its own infrastructure downsizing.

The German military will close 105 installations, leaving fewer than 400 bases throughout the country, according to a report in the International Herald Tribune.

"This is not an easy decision for me," German defense minister Harald Struck said at a news conference this week, according to the Tribune.

As with the U.S. military's base closure plans — both at home and abroad — the German cuts are designed to save money and streamline the armed forces.

German officials are planning to cut the military from 285,000 to 250,000 troops, the Tribune report stated.

The remaining German military is to be split into a 35,000-strong force of highly trained combat soldiers, backed up by an additional 70,000 troops intended primarily for long-term peacekeeping missions. The remaining forces will be used for homeland defense.

Struck is faced with a dwindling military budget — last year down to 1.4 percent of the gross domestic product — and said the closures are expected to save about \$150 million, according to the newspaper.

Meanwhile, Struck said the final plans for U.S. reductions in Germany will be announced this summer.

The Pentagon intends to close dozens of U.S. bases in the country while relocating both of its heavy divisions now based in Germany to the United States.

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Ramstein airmen prepare C-130s for Darfur deployment



PHOTOS BY AARON BURGSTEIN/Courtesy of U.S. Air Force



Above: Senior Airman Bradley Judd, left, and Airman 1st Class Figueroa Torres, from the 746 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, prepare a C-130 prop for replacement in Djibouti. Air Force members from Ramstein, Germany, are in Africa to ferry African-nation troops into the Darfur region of Sudan. Left: Staff Sergeant Nate Schamberger, of the 746 Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, inspects a C-130 engine before removing the prop. Removing and repairing the 1,200-pound prop took the maintenance team 12 hours.

Lakenheath airman sentenced to 3 months

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — An airman at RAF Lakenheath, England, was sentenced to three months' confinement and given a bad-conduct discharge after pleading guilty to using Ecstasy.

Airman 1st Class Danielle Deckard of the 48th Component Maintenance Squadron entered the plea during a court-martial at the base Tuesday.

Deckard was charged with using the drug, which is classified as a controlled substance, on various occasions between March 1 and June 1 at or near the base.

The judge also reduced Deckard to the rank of airman basic.

DECA scholarship for military children

The Defense Commissary Agency is accepting applications for the 2005 Scholarships for Military Children program.

At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants, according to DECA news release.

Unmarried children under the age of 21, or up to 23 if enrolled in college, of active-duty personnel, Reserve, National Guard and retired servicemembers can pick up an application at local commissaries or online at www.militaryscholar.org.

Applications, which must include an essay on how the heightened awareness of terrorism has impacted the student's life, are due by Feb. 16.

Applicants must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2005, or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Since the program began five years ago, the Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 2,000 scholarships totaling \$3 million, according to the DECA statement.

From staff reports

U.S. jets hit Fallujah ahead of offensive

Rebels threaten to strike oil targets if attack proceeds

By ROBERT H. REID

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. forces pounded parts of Fallujah from the air and ground Thursday, targeting insurgents in a city where American forces were said to be gearing up for a major offensive. Three British soldiers were killed in an attack by guerrillas as they patrolled in central Iraq.

Al-Jazeera television broadcast a threat by an unspecified armed group to strike oil installations and government buildings if Americans launch an all-out assault on Fallujah. The report was accompanied by a videotape showing about 20 armed men brandishing various weapons, including a truck-mounted machine gun.

The attack that killed the three British soldiers Thursday also left a civilian Iraqi interpreter dead and eight British troops wounded, said Lt. Cmdr. Ahmed Ajala, a British military spokesman in Basra.

The British soldiers were part of an 850-strong unit who were deployed closer to Baghdad last week to allow U.S. Marines to reposition in Anbar province, home of guerrilla strongholds of Fallujah, Ramadi, Hit and Husaybah.

Early Thursday, U.S. aircraft fired on several barricaded rebel positions in northeast and southeast Fallujah, the military said. Later in the day, U.S. artillery batteries fired two to three dozen 155 mm shells at insurgent bastions in the city, the military said.

Insurgents and U.S. forces also clashed briefly Thursday in Ramadi, west of Fallujah, but there were no U.S. casualties, the military added.

The fresh action followed over-



Marines of the 1st Division pass by a wall painting of an Iraqi army soldier during training Thursday in a former Iraqi army barracks outside Fallujah, Iraq. U.S. forces are preparing for a major offensive in Fallujah and other Sunni militant strongholds in hopes of curbing the insurgency ahead of January's election.

night fighting on the southeastern outskirts of Fallujah after insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at Marines. Two insurgents were killed, while no U.S. casualties were reported, said Lt. Nathan Braden, of 1st Marine Division. Hospital officials in Fallujah reported three civilians were injured in the overnight shelling. U.S. forces are preparing for a major offensive in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, and other Sunni militant strongholds in hopes of curbing the insurgency ahead of January's election.

An Iraqi National Guard patrol was hit Thursday by a car bomb in Iskandariyah, an insurgent hot spot 30 miles south of Baghdad, killing three people and wounding 15, Iraqi hospital officials said.

A suicide car bomber killed three and wounded nine others when his explosive-laden vehicle

barreled into the city government offices in Dujail, 46 miles north of the capital, police said.

On Wednesday, a U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bombing 12 miles south of the capital. A suicide driver detonated his vehicle at a checkpoint near Baghdad airport, injuring nine Iraqis and forcing U.S. troops to close the main route for hours.

Gummen killed a senior oil Ministry official, Hussein Ali Al-Mintary, after he left his house in the Yarmouk district of western Baghdad, police said. Al-Fatall was the general manager of a state-owned company that distributes petroleum byproducts.

The violence served as a grim reminder of Iraq's rapidly deteriorating security situation, which President Bush must address now that he has been re-elected.

On Thursday, Al-Jazeera aired video of three Jordanian truck drivers taken hostage by a militant group calling itself Jaish al-Islam, or Army of Islam. The men appealed to their country to warn its citizens against working with coalition forces in Iraq, Al-Jazeera said, although their voices were not audible on the tape.

They were part of a convoy of seven truckers who came under attack Tuesday near Fallujah, according to an official at the Jordanian Truckers Association. One of the drivers was killed in the attack, two others are still missing and a fourth man escaped, he said.

More than 170 foreigners have been kidnapped and more than 30 of them — including three Americans and a Briton — killed in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,123 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 860 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department as of Wednesday. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is four higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 70 deaths, Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 985 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 751 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Wednesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- A soldier was killed Wednesday in a roadside bombing 12 miles south of Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- No identifications reported.

fell in April 2003.

Another militant group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, posted a videotape on a Web site showing the beheading of a man it said was an Iraqi army major captured in Mosul.

U.S., Iraqis prepare new administration for Fallujah

By JIM KRANE

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. commanders plan to use a mix of Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi fighters to drive militants out of Fallujah, and Iraqi authorities have already put together

a team of Iraqi administrators to run the city after the fighting is over, a U.S. official said Thursday.

American forces are gearing up for a major assault on the insurgent bastion 40 miles west of Baghdad if interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issues the order.

Major Jim West, an intelligence

officer with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the ground attack would include American Marines and Army soldiers as well as members of the U.S.-trained Iraqi security force.

Once the fighting was over, the interim Iraqi government would send in a team of administrators

to run the city, replacing the hard-line clerics who took control after the Marines called off a three-week siege in April.

"The IIG [interim Iraqi government] is establishing a government to take over Fallujah," West said. "It's an Iraqi government" which would enter the city "just

as soon as it's safe for those people to come back."

West said \$75 million had already been earmarked to repair the city once Iraqi government control has been re-established. The plan is similar to one used in Najaf when U.S. troops restored government authority after weeks of fighting with radical Shiite militiamen last August.

West said efforts were still under way to resolve the standoff peacefully. Allawi has demanded the city hand over foreign fighters whom Fallujah leaders insist aren't there.

West said U.S. officials expect the militants to employ standard tactics they have used against American troops, including trying to draw them into a "soft spot" rigged with improvised bombs, adding "we're prepared for that."



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U.S.-issued uniforms selling at Iraq bazaar

AAFES spokesman says some of the items may have been stolen

BY WARD SANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — A bazaar in Baghdad's perilous downtown sells U.S. military uniforms at discount prices.

One shop displayed about 40 U.S. desert camouflage uniforms, along with beige boots, headgear and backpacks. At least one backpack still had an Army and Air Force Exchange Service tag affixed to it.

An entire outfit, boots and backpack included, could be had for about \$55 — about half the original cost of legitimate boots alone.

The sales take on a sinister air considering the deaths of about 50 members of the Iraqi National Guard found shot in the head, execution-style, on Oct. 24 some 95 miles east of the capital. The unarmed troops, destined for home leave, had apparently stopped at a checkpoint manned by terrorists dressed as police, officials have said.

The Baghdad market also sold local uniforms of the same type issued to the executed Iraqis.

A U.S. military spokesman, Tech. Sgt. Eric Grill, said he was unaware the uniforms were circulating, but would alert the chain of command.

Another spokesman, Lt. Col. Steve Boylan, said military items routinely appear in local markets abroad. He said it was no different at his previous post in the Far East.

"Things destined for AAFES or bought by servicemembers do show up on local economies," Boylan said. "Sometimes they're thrown away. Sometimes they're knockoffs."

He said Internet sites sold similar equipment, as did surplus stores in the United States.

An AAFES spokesman, Maj. Dave Accetta, said some of the items may have been stolen from exchange trucks or convoy shipments, but had no details regarding the merchandise in Iraq. One exchange employee in Iraq said this past summer, a single such robbery resulted in the loss of \$85,000 in merchandise.

The bazaar hawking the uniforms, Bab Al Sharji, is dubbed a "thieves market" by locals. Customers watch their wallets while perusing the wares. The video vendor sells copies of beheadings of foreigners in Fallujah alongside pornography. The optics vendor sells U.S. military night-vision equipment.

The precise origin of the U.S. uniforms was unclear. Some had no patches. At least one was marked as if it had originated with the Kuwaiti military, but its inside tag



WARD SANDERSON/Stars and Stripes

U.S. military-style uniforms such as this are sold at Baghdad's dangerous downtown bazaar. This uniform, including a new Army and Air Force Exchange Service backpack, were all purchased for about \$55.

showed it was otherwise identical to U.S. issue. Hats and trousers, too, were of standard American design. Boots looked like U.S. desert models, but were tagged with a Middle Eastern company name. A Bugout Gear Frag Bag backpack was clearly marked as new merchandise intended for sale at an AAFES base store.

The uniform vendor said many of his items are purchased by Kurds. When asked where his military outfits originate, the salesman was more vague.

"There are people supplying this stuff to us," he said.

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Army catamaran turns a few heads in Djibouti

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

PORT OF DJIBOUTI, Djibouti — It looks like something Batman would drive.

The new TSX-1X brought cargo Wednesday for the troops at Camp Lemonnier, but it also gave people at the dock a look at the future of the U.S. military at sea. It's expeditious and, in this case, it's Army.

"At any point we go to, everybody is watching this boat," said Sgt. Jim Lazowski of Arlington Heights, Ill., one of the navigators of the experimental, high-speed catamaran.

The ship, named the Spearhead, is new, it already has been to war.

In March 2003, it delivered a company from the 101st Airborne Division — 157 soldiers with vehicles and gear — to Kuwait during the buildup for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"They rolled off the ship ready to go," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Patrick May, the boat's captain.



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The TSX-1X "Spearhead" pulls into the Port of Djibouti on Wednesday with 14 containers of supplies for Camp Lemonnier. The high-speed theater support vessel was bringing the supplies in from Bahrain.

"In less than four hours, they were ready to get rolling north into Iraq."

That's the idea of the TSX, or theater support vessel, May said. The boats are being built to deliver whole companies intact to wherever they need to be, so they

can join the fight quickly.

The Spearhead is capable of transporting one company, but future versions — 12 are scheduled to be built by 2011 — will be bigger and able to transport two full companies instead of just one, May said. They also will have

landing pads for helicopters.

The current version is 320 feet long and 87 feet wide. It is jet-propelled by four, 10,000-horsepower diesel engines and reaches a top speed of 42 knots per hour. The ship is capable of carrying 800 tons of cargo and fuel.

Of course, fully loaded it takes a little longer to reach full speed, according to Staff Sgt. Paula Buckley of Denton, Texas.

She added that even though the crew sleeps four to a room, the four-inch mattresses help take the sting out of long stints at sea.

"It's a pretty comfy ride," Buckley said. "The waves kind of rock you to sleep."

The crew of 32 soldiers, who belong to the 469th Transportation Detachment, is from Fort Eustis, Va. But they're not home very often.

The Spearhead already has logged more than 110,000 miles in less than two years at sea. On its 2½-day voyage from Bahrain to Djibouti, the ship transported a cargo hold filled with supplies,

mostly food, for the troops at Camp Lemonnier.

About 1,500 U.S. troops are stationed in Djibouti, a small country in eastern Africa located across a narrow strait from the Arabian Peninsula.

The strait, which connects the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, is an important lane for international shipping. At 17 miles wide, it is also an ideal place for terrorists in a fast boat to cross from the Middle East in order to set up shop in Africa.

The U.S. military established a base at Camp Lemonnier in May 2003. It is manned by members of the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. Perhaps the most interesting thing about the Spearhead is its paint job — gray with black trim and the word "Army" in big block letters. "Most people in the Army don't think the Army has boats, let alone something like this," May said. "It's a very sexy looking boat."

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IN THE STATES

Bush outlines his 2nd-term agenda

BY JENNIFER LOVEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A minority president no more, President Bush sketched a second-term agenda Thursday that includes fighting the worldwide war on terror and seeking tax overhaul and fundamental changes in Social Security at home.

"I've earned capital in this election, and I'm going to spend it for what I've told the people I'd spend it on," he said. Asked by a reporter about troop strength in Iraq and whether tour extensions for those now

serving in Iraq were in the offing, the President said he had not yet received requests from battlefield commanders for more troops, beyond 6,500 soldiers who were told last week that they would be staying.

Bush also pledged to pursue the foreign policy that was a flashpoint in the presidential campaign and has sparked criticism by some American allies in Europe.

Told by a reporter that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat had died, Bush said he intended to "continue to work for a free Palestinian state that's at peace with Is-

rael." Later reports said that Arafat, in a coma in Paris, was still alive.

Bush sidestepped questions about changes in his Cabinet and potential vacancies in the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist recently disclosed he was undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer.

Changes are widely expected in both, possibly at the Justice Department and State Department.

Bush fielded questions after securing re-election in a campaign framed by the war in Iraq and economic issues at home. Nearly complete returns gave him 51 per-

cent of the popular vote — a contrast to 2000, when he lost the popular vote but won the Electoral College.

For the second straight day, he pledged to reach out to those who opposed his re-election.

"The campaign over, Americans are expecting a bipartisan effort and results. I will reach out to everyone who shares our goals," he said.

The president began his day by meeting with his Cabinet. After the news conference, he looked ahead to a weekend trip to Camp David, where he said he would consider personnel changes for the second term.

Ashcroft likely to leave post

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft is likely to leave his post before the start of President George W. Bush's second term, senior aides said Thursday.

Ashcroft, 62, is described as exhausted from leading the Justice Department in fighting the domestic war on terror since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Stress was a factor in Ashcroft's health problems earlier this year.

Ashcroft is expected to resign before Bush's Jan. 20 inauguration, said aides who spoke only on condition of anonymity. They said there is a small chance he would stay on, at least for a short time, if Bush asked him. The attorney general has not officially informed his staff of his future plans.

Names that have been floated in recent weeks as a possible replacement include Ashcroft's former deputy, Larry Thompson, who would become the first black attorney general. Others include Marc Racicot, who was Bush's campaign manager, and White House general counsel Alberto Gonzales, who is Hispanic.

Bush has mandate, but Powell looks like lame duck

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell has been evasive about his future, skirting questions about the timing of his widely expected departure after four rough-and-tumble years as America's chief diplomat.

In dozens of interviews, Powell has dismissed questions about his plans by saying with a smile, "I serve at the pleasure of the president."

Powell has long been considered to be a one-term secretary of state, irrespective of whether Bush was re-elected. Speculation has been rife for months about possible successors in a second Bush

term. Among those mentioned are national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and U.N. Ambassador John Danforth.

Last July, Bush suggested during an appearance in Philadelphia that he would be happy if Powell were to remain on. During a September interview with The Associated Press, Powell was asked whether he considered Bush's comment to be an invitation for him to stay on.

"Time will tell. We will see," Powell replied.

One possibility would be for Powell to stay on for a brief period until after the national elections in Iraq, which are supposed to be held before the end of January 2005.



Secretary of State Colin Powell, left, has dodged questions about his future in President Bush's administration.

Sen. Edwards' wife has breast cancer

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, was diagnosed with breast cancer the day her husband and Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race.

Spokesman David Ginsberg said Mrs. Edwards, 55, discovered a lump in her right breast while on a campaign trip last week. Her family doctor told her Friday that it appeared to be cancerous and advised her to see a specialist when she could.

She put off the appointment until Wednesday so as to not miss campaign time.

Mrs. Edwards had a needle bi-

opsy performed at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where Dr. Barbara Smith confirmed the cancer, Ginsberg said.

He said the cancer was diagnosed as invasive ductal cancer.

That is the most common type of breast cancer, and can spread from the milk ducts to other parts of the breast or beyond.

More tests were being done to determine how far the cancer has advanced and how to treat it, he said.

Edwards, who leaves his North Carolina Senate seat in January, said in a statement, "Elizabeth is as strong a person as I've ever known. Together, our family will beat this."



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Gay marriage supporters not discouraged by vote

BY ELIZABETH MEHREN
Los Angeles Times

The successful efforts to amend 11 state constitutions to ban same-sex marriage has energized both sides of the highly contentious issue.

Defenders of traditional marriage say voters' resounding support for state measures that limit marriage to a union between a man and a woman proves that a federal marriage amendment is inevitable.

Advocates of gay and lesbian marriage sounded equally determined Wednesday as they vowed to move ahead with efforts to legalize same-sex marriage in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut — and, very likely within the next year, California.

With five new Republican senators elected Tuesday, opponents of same-sex marriage maintain, an amendment to the U.S. Constitution could be introduced and conceivably passed as soon as the next congressional session.

"We are very encouraged," said Carrie Gordon Earle, spokesperson for Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo. "Basically, what the people said [Tuesday] was: Don't mess with marriage."

But Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in New York, said the vote was only round one of a very long fight. "This is not going to shut down the debate in any way. The debate and the fight will go on."

The 11 states that passed constitutional amendments Tuesday joined seven others that earlier adopted measures to define marriage as an exclusively heterosexual institution.

The votes Tuesday against same-sex marriage were clear

and conclusive.

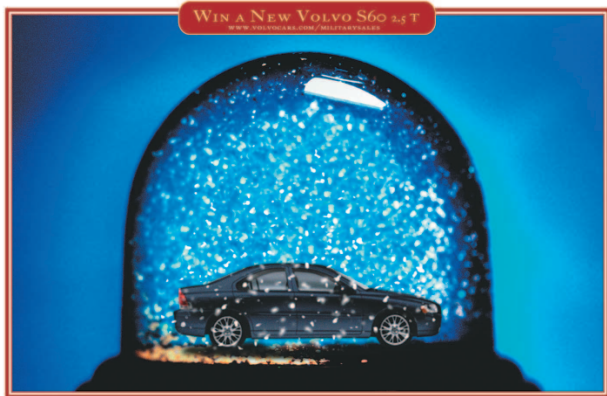
In Mississippi, the amendment won 86 percent support; Georgia, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kentucky all polled at least 75 percent support for their amendments, and North Dakota came

close to that figure. In Montana and Utah, at least two-thirds of voters supported the amendment; in Ohio, the figure was 62 percent, and in Michigan, 59 percent. The vote was closest in Oregon, where 57 percent approved the ban.



Sarah Tomchesson, left, waits with her partner, Gene de Haan, as she is consoled by her father on the phone after learning that Oregon voters passed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

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Two key races still unresolved

The Associated Press

Major election races nationwide that remained unresolved Thursday:

■ **Iowa — President:** President Bush held a slim lead with several thousand absentee and provisional ballots still to be counted, likely not until early next week. State officials said that up to 50,000 absentee ballots issued to voters had not yet been returned. More than 13,000 provisional ballots had been identified.

■ **Washington — Governor:** Republican state Sen. Dino Rossi and Democratic Attorney General Christine Gregoire remained optimistic as election officials across Washington state began counting an estimated 900,000 absentee ballots. Gregoire led by fewer than 15,000 votes, 980,190 to 965,867, a difference of less than 1 percentage point.

Kerry's future unclear

Democratic party is fractured after also losing leader Daschle

BY JILL ZUCKMAN
Chicago Tribune

BOSTON — Sen. John Kerry and his aides thought he would be spending the morning after Election Day preparing to take over the presidency.

Instead, he found himself deciding whether to wage a court battle with the state of Ohio, and facing an uncertain political future.

With his candidacy nearly left for dead more than once on his way to this moment, Kerry ended his quest for the White House able to brag that he had won 4 million more votes than any other Democratic presidential candidate.

His closest advisers say that accomplishment will allow him to return to the Senate as a statesman and a leader, someone who can unite a fractured party left leaderless by the defeat of Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Still unclear is whether Kerry might try to replace Daschle as Democratic leader. Aides said it is too early to tell but that other options are under consideration, such as forming a think tank or a leadership PAC.

Most important, advisers said, Kerry wants to remain a voice for the middle class.

"I will never forget you and I'll never stop fighting for you," Kerry promised Wednesday as he conceded the election to President Bush inside the cradle of democracy, Faneuil Hall.

"I did my best to express my vision and my hopes for America," he told supporters in the old civic meetinghouse, standing

below a Revolutionary-era painting titled "Liberty and Union Now and Forever."

Kerry pulled the plug on his presidential quest late Wednesday morning after conferring with advisers who had concluded there was no way for him to win mathematically despite the lawyers' push to litigate.

In the days leading up to the election, Kerry and his aides believed they would win based on polling from battleground states. And on Election Day, early exit polls suggested Kerry was on his way to victory, but as Florida began to slip away the mood turned grim.

"It's a very difficult election to understand," said Tad Devine, one of Kerry's senior strategists, citing the Democratic nominee's wide margins with independent and women voters, usually a formula for success.

Campaign officials were disheartened because of the promising exit polls.

In the closing hours of the campaign, Kerry had seemed confident of victory, sure of his message, and serene as the finish line came into view.

But Kerry the candidate and his campaign had had a multitude of problems.

He demonstrated a humorless intensity, and struggled to come across as likable and warm. On the stump, he was uneven, often providing his audiences with elaborate policy prescriptions that gave little opportunity for applause.

So caught up was he in the nuance of his ideas that Kerry often gave ammunition to his opponent, contradicting himself as he thought aloud.

His campaign organization also was



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., waves outside Faneuil Hall on Wednesday after delivering his concession speech in Boston.

beset with problems, and his campaigns have always been messy affairs.

Still, by the campaign's end, Kerry had begun connecting with voters in a way that had often eluded him earlier.

In Xenia, Ohio, Michael Adams stood up in the high school gymnasium and told voters how it felt to lose his job at the Delphi manufacturing plant. He described what it was like to cash out his retirement plan to pay for household bills. And he told the rapt crowd why he had decided to vote for

Kerry.

Later, when a woman asked Kerry to name his hero, he reeled off several, including Christopher Reeve, the late actor and advocate for medical research. Then he paused, and with some emotion, added one more name: "People like Michael Adams. People who overcome adversity. People who show courage every single day in this country and often aren't recognized for it. There are a whole bunch of folks who are working against odds."

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Potential candidates line up for 2008 run at White House

BY TOM RAUM
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as Democrats lick their wounds and Republicans bask in President Bush's second-term victory, would-be presidential candidates for 2008 already are maneuvering for position.

"You can be disappointed, but you cannot walk away. This fight has just begun," Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards told party loyalists in Boston on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee was first out of the box among prospective GOP candidates with a "victory tour" of the South to showcase victorious Republican Senate candidates from the region.

Almost as soon as the curtain dropped on the 2004 presidential race, one was raised on the 2008 contest.

The next presidential cycle will be wide open on both sides. And while the incumbent's vice president is usually the favored next-up nominee, Vice President Dick Cheney, 63 with a history of heart disease, has ruled out a run for president.

Sen. John Kerry could run again. But Democrat Al Gore, the

2000 nominee, found the comeback trail a difficult one.

Kerry's defeat and concession speech Wednesday cleared the way for 2008 runs by both Edwards, now a senator from North Carolina, and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

Clinton, who could have been sidelined until 2012 with a Kerry-Edwards victory, and re-election in 2008, is now front and center among would-be Democratic contenders.

Other Democrats who might seek the presidential nomination in four years include Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana and Govs. Rod Blagojevich of Illinois and Tom Vilsack of Iowa. And, up and coming, perhaps for a presidential bid down the road, if not in 2008, is Illinois' Barack Obama, who will be the only black member of the Senate when he is sworn into office in January.

There's no shortage of potential Republican candidates, either.

Besides Frist, the lineup includes Sens. John McCain of Arizona, George Allen of Virginia, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. Also, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and at least two governors — Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and George Pataki of New York.

Peterson trial in jury's hands

By BRIAN SKOLOFF

The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Jurors in the Scott Peterson murder case began deliberating whether the former fertilizer salesman killed his pregnant wife, and will remain sequestered until they can decide between a conviction based on largely circumstantial evidence or an acquittal that accepts the defense's theory of a possible frame-up.

The panel, which has sat through more than five months of testimony, met for more than four hours Wednesday before retiring for the day. They were to continue deliberations Thursday morning.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi sent the panelists into the jury room after about 45 minutes of instructions. Delucchi plans to keep the jury sequestered until it reaches a verdict.

Prosecutors claim Peterson strangled or smothered his wife, Laci, on Dec. 23 or 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay. Her body decomposed remains and those of the fetus were discovered four months later, not far from where Peterson claims to have been fishing alone the day she vanished.

Defense lawyers claim someone else abducted and killed the Modesto woman, then placed the bodies in the water.

The jury has as two choices should it decide to convict — first-degree murder, carrying a life term, and second-degree murder, carrying two sentences of 15 years to life.

"[For] first-degree murder, you need two things: expressed malice and intent to kill and premeditation," Delucchi told jurors. "Then you also have second-degree murder," a lesser charge the judge added after finding there was ample evidence to support a case that did not involve prior planning.

The trial began with jury selection in March, and opening statements were in June.

Prosecutors argued in their final remarks to jurors Wednesday that it is "ridiculous" to think someone would frame the former fertilizer salesman by hiding the bodies in the bay, hoping they would one day be discovered, as defense lawyers suggested.

"You can't base a reasonable doubt on an unreasonable interpretation of the evidence," prosecutor Rick Dwyer said in his rebuttal to the defense closing argument.

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos has conceded all along that Peterson, who was having an affair at the time Laci vanished, is a liar and a cheat. But he said he shouldn't be convicted of murder.

"You're not supposed to hide this case on whether or not you like Scott Peterson," Geragos told jurors.

Subway cars collide in D.C.



A subway car lies on top of another one after a train collision at the Woodley Park-National Zoo Metro station in Washington on Wednesday. The crash, which injured at least 20 people, happened just after a loaded six-car train pulled into the station. It was struck moments later by an empty six-car train traveling in reverse down the same track.

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25 years later, former hostages reflect

The Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — In the minds of many, terrorists struck their first blow against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. But others look back exactly a quarter-century ago, on Nov. 4, 1979, when 66 Americans were taken hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran.

Most remained in captivity for 444 days. Today, reflecting on their experiences through the prism of 9/11, the war in Iraq and two decades of tumultuous relations with the Middle East, many say the United States was too late to recognize that a new era had begun.

"The day they took us is the day they should have started the war on terrorism," said Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann, 47, of St. Louis County, Mo., an embassy security guard.

Many agree that terrorists were emboldened by their success in the Iran hostage crisis —

none of the hostages were killed, but the U.S. government agreed to release \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets — and see the kidnappings and beheadings in Iraq as a consequence.

"Given the terrorist modus operandi nowadays, we probably wouldn't come out alive. They weren't as bold then. They had a latent fear of the United States," said Chuck Scott, 72, of Jonesboro, Ga., a former Green Beret in Vietnam who was an Army colonel when he was taken hostage.

Steven Kirtley, 47, of McLean, who was a Marine security guard at the embassy, said that while he's grateful everybody survived, he's also angry about what he sees as America's largely ineffective response to the hostage-takers. He called the episode "a stepping stone to get that terrorist movement going. It was such a terrible loss of face... such a show of weakness that I still don't think we've recovered."

Fifty-two of the hostages were held for the entire 444 days. Of those, 11 have since died.

William Blackburn Royer Jr., 73, of Katy, Texas, remembers being jolted awake by the screams of his captors, "herded like cattle" into another room, stripped naked and forced up against a wall in front of a firing squad.

While nearly all the hostages said they feared for their lives at some point, many said their memories center on the tedious L. Bruce Laingen, of Bethesda, Md., the embassy's charge d'affaires, was the highest ranking American taken hostage. He said it doesn't make sense that 25 years later the United States has little dialogue with Iran, considering the large American stake in the Middle East. He mainly faulted Iranian leaders for pursuing hostile policies such as developing nuclear technology and continuing to threaten Israel.

Nicotine study finds addictive gene in mice

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — California researchers fiddled with a single gene to create mice hypersensitive to nicotine, pointing to a single molecule partly to blame for nicotine's addictive allure.

The genetically engineered mice were tripped up by the tiniest exposure to nicotine — 50 times less than the level of nicotine coursing through a typical smoker's blood. Once hooked, the mice experienced classic signs of nicotine dependence that keep smokers puffing, the research team reports Friday in the journal Science.

In humans, reward arrives as a pleasant little jolt of dopamine, a calming brain chemical unleashed by nicotine. More smoking produces the body's tolerance for the drug. Sensitization means not feeling good without a nicotine fix, said Henry Lester, a biology professor at the California Institute of Technology who was among the paper's 10 authors.

In mice, researchers saw re-

ward when mice chose nicotine hits over salt, changed body temperatures as evidence of tolerance and more running around among sensitized mice.

The findings "not only provide direct evidence of how nicotine promotes dependence, but also raise fundamental questions about the genetics of addiction," researchers at the Centre Medical Universitaire in Geneva, Switzerland, wrote in a companion piece.

More than 4 million people around the globe die from smoking-related causes each year. If the findings in mice hold true for humans, the work points to a specific target for a new drug to attack, easing the physical and behavioral toll of nicotine addiction, others suggest.

People become dependent on nicotine when it parks in nerve cell receptors designed for the chemical acetylcholine. Once nicotine fills that space, dopamine is released. By knowing the specific parking place where nicotine can exact a high toll, a drug could be fashioned to fill it.

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IN THE WORLD

Officials: Arafat in coma

The Associated Press

PARIS — A gravely ill Yasser Arafat reportedly slipped into a coma and anxious Palestinian officials held an emergency meeting Thursday on how to prevent unrest while his 75-year-old leader was fighting for his life.

A swirl of reports that Arafat died were quashed by doctors at a French military hospital, who said he was alive. Arafat's aides, however, said his condition was very serious.



Arafat

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said there had been no change in Arafat's condition. Palestinian officials said Arafat was in a coma in the intensive care unit.

Arafat's chief of staff, Ramzi Khouri, called an Associated Press reporter from Paris and told him: "I am standing next to the president's bed, he is in grave

Palestinians leaders hold emergency conference

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Anxious Palestinian leaders held an emergency meeting Thursday after Yasser Arafat was moved to the intensive care unit at a French military hospital.

Three Arafat aides denied the 75-year-old was comatose, but said his condition was serious. Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said top officials were in touch with Arafat's hospital every half-hour to check on his condition.

"The Palestinian leadership is in constant meeting to follow up on the president's health situation," he said from the West Bank city of Ramallah, where leaders of the PLO and Arafat's Fatah movement were meeting.

condition.

Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, told Israel TV's Channel 20 that Arafat was still alive.

A prolonged Arafat incapacity that Arafat had not suffered a hemorrhage or stroke.

"Arafat has no type of brain death," Kurdi told Al-Arabiya.

A prolonged Arafat incapacity — or death — could have profound impact on the Middle East. There are fears of unrest among

Palestinian factions, which Arafat, viewed as a national symbol by even some who opposed him, was largely able to prevent.

Furthermore, chaos in the West Bank and Gaza could make any cooperation with Israel even more difficult.

On the other hand, Israel and the United States have been in recent years shunned Arafat as a terrorist and an obstacle to peace, and his replacement by a new leadership could open the door to renewed peace talks.

Sudan troops destroy camp in South Darfur

By EMILY WAX

The Washington Post

AL-JEER SUREAF, Sudan — Grieving a pair of pliers, a doctor ripped a bullet from Amina Khariim's swollen and bleeding left arm. Eight hours earlier, at dawn Tuesday, she had been asleep in a shelter of grass and sticks when government soldiers and police stormed into this camp of 5,000 in South Darfur.

Residents and relief workers said the troops burned shelters, smashed water pipes, fired tear gas and beat people as they fled half-asleep from their huts. Within

five hours, they said, the camp was reduced to ashes and about 100 residents were crumpled into the makeshift clinic, seeking first aid for gunshot wounds, burns and bruises.

"I saw the military coming and heard some shots. Then I felt pain and saw my arm bleeding. Now, my heart is burning with anger," said Khariim, 26, gripping her arm to steady it while the doctor worked in the shade of the mud-and-straw clinic. "There was a lot of blood, and then they started burning my hut. The world is not doing enough to protect us. We are so tired. Can someone please come help us?"

With violence still raging in Darfur's 20-month conflict between African rebels and pro-government forces, aid workers and camp residents said they feared Tuesday's pre-dawn assault was the beginning of a campaign to force displaced people back to villages where they could be vulnerable to further attack by Arab militia known as the Janjaweed.

Within a few hours of the attack, camp residents said, 250 families were put in government trucks and moved to an area 25 miles south. And at a nearby camp, Otash, officials removed an unknown number of residents and blocked access to aid workers.

"This was not supposed to have happened. This is forced relocation," complained Brig. Gen. Festus Okonkwo, a Nigerian officer from the African Union mission in Darfur. Okonkwo's team of 19 civilian monitors and 56 protective troops is based just eight miles from here, but he said news of the attack took him by surprise.



British newspapers carry the story of President Bush's election win on their front pages for Thursday.

Europe at odds over Bush's next 4 years

By BETH GARDINER

The Associated Press

LONDON — European leaders urged President Bush Thursday to work closely with America's allies on issues like terrorism and the environment in his second term, while critics of the president worried re-election would embolden him to pursue conservative policies more aggressively than ever.

Many European newspapers greeted the president's triumph with dismay. "Oops they did it again," Germany's left-leaning Tageszeitung newspaper said in a front-page English headline.

"How can 59,054,087 people be so DUMB?" Britain's liberal Daily Mirror tabloid asked. "March of the Moral Majority," said the front page of the Daily Mail, above a photo of Bush with his wife and daughters.

In Spain, the conservative Spanish newspaper El Mundo, which vehemently opposed the Iraq war, printed a cartoon showing Osama bin Laden holding up Bush's arm in triumph.

Politicians were more positive. Many had already offered their good wishes after Democrat John Kerry conceded to Bush Wednesday, and the congratulations continued Thursday.

Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen sent a letter to Bush urging that "we together make an effort to give the relationship between the United States and Europe new energy."

German President Horst Koehler said in a telegram that his country will be a "friend and partner" to the United States.

In Turkey, Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said he hoped "the election results will serve humanity and peace."

Congratulations also came from Estonian Prime Minister Juhan Parts, who promised to continue his country's support

for the war on terrorism and the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq, where Estonia has 45 soldiers.

But on a continent where opposition to Bush's assertive foreign policy — and particularly to the Iraq war — has been strong, much of the reaction was less diplomatic.

The cover of the Swiss newsweekly Facts called Bush's re-election "Europe's Nightmare."

"It is now time to understand that George W. Bush was not a four-year aberration but represents the new America," the magazine said.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said those who disagree with Bush must recognize that he was Americans' choice.

"It is in everybody's interests, including that of continental Europe ... that we work together with the United States," he told British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

In Asia, many American allies hailed Bush's win as a victory for the global war on terror and hoped his second term would help defuse nuclear tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Others in the region feared a second Bush term could lead to more turmoil and worsen tension between Muslims and the West.

"It's a victory for the anti-terrorism cause," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, a staunch U.S. ally and friend of Bush.

"This is a strong reaffirmation of his leadership of the United States in its fight against world terrorism."

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said he hoped Bush's win would bring closer ties between Tokyo and Washington.

South Korea said it would continue to "closely cooperate" with Bush for a peaceful resolution of the nuclear dispute with Pyongyang.

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OPINION

Democrats' March was a series of missteps

"I think the Union army had something to do with it."

— Gen. George Pickett, years afterward, on why his charge at Gettysburg failed.

John Kerry's liberalism had something to do with his defeat. Hence so did this: By Jan. 20, 2005, all the defeated presidents for 44 consecutive years will have come from three Southern states — Texas, Arkansas, Georgia — and southern California.

George Will



Kerry ran a high-risk "biography candidacy" based on a four-month period 35 years ago. His contrasting silence about his 20 Senate years echoed. He was an anomalous kind of challenger. The most important change he promised would be to restore

or resistances. That is, he campaigned as the candidate of complacency, albeit a curbed, backward-looking complacency. Regarding foreign policy, he promised to turn the clock back, to the alliance-centered foreign policy prior to the intrusion of the "nuisance" of terrorism. Regarding domestic policy, he promised to stop the clock, preventing any forward movement on entitlement reform to cope with the baby boomers' retirements.

Never did Kerry himself do anything to change the campaign's dynamics. He counted on events in Iraq, and on the power of his

party's unceasing belief that Bush is an imbecile. But Democrats cannot disguise their bewilderment about how to appeal to a country that is so backward, they think, that it finds Bush appealing.

Democrats ... should rethink their compressed nominating calendar — Kerry was effectively selected by the 135,000 who voted for him in Iowa and New Hampshire — and the fetish of allowing those two states ... to dominate the process.

As part of its penance for nominating a senator, and one more liberal (according to Americans for Democratic Action) than Walter Mondale, the Democratic Party should purge its Michael Moore faction. Moore is unhinged by his loathing of Bush and of the country that has re-elected him.

Moore and the hordes of his enthusiasts are a stain on the party — as are those Democratic senators and representatives who in June made a merry festival of the Washington premiere of "Fahrenheit 9/11." Moore illustrates the fact that the Republican Party benefits — it is energized by resentment — when the entertainment industry and major journalistic institutions (e.g., The New York Times, CBS News) enlist as appendages of the Democratic Party's advocacy apparatus.

Never have Americans felt less affinity with Europe, but never have their politics been more European, meaning organized around ideologically homogenous parties. Just 25 years ago there were many liberals and conservatives in both parties. On Tuesday, four moderate-to-conservative Texas Democratic congressmen were defeated, the result of a second redistricting since the 2000 Census. A conservative George Repub-



LEADERSHIP THAT HAS UNITED THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

lican won a Senate seat vacated by a conservative Democrat and a conservative Louisiana Republican won a seat vacated by a moderate Democrat. This nearly completes the process of producing a perfect overlap of America's ideological and party parameters.

Unlike the two most recent incumbent presidents re-elected, Bush did not run on rhetorical froth — "Morning Again in America" (1984), "A Bridge to the 21st Century" (1996). He will feel vindicated in his foreign policy and empowered for his well-advised domestic agenda of tax cuts, tort re-

form, entitlement reform and conservative judicial nominees ...

Since 2000, the issues driving civic discourse have changed radically but the electoral map has changed negligibly ...

The nation's population center did not cross the Mississippi until the 1980 Census. Today it is in Phelps County, Mo., heading southwest, away from the Democratic Party with its apparently metabolic impulse to ignore such realities.

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Strategists did their homework, and Bush benefited

Never shy about claiming credit, the Bush White House sent Chief of Staff Andrew Card out at the ungodly hour of 5:39 a.m. Wednesday to assert that President Bush's re-election by clinching the 20 electoral votes of Ohio.

David Broder



This time, the boast was better-founded than was the similar claim four years ago when Florida was still locked in a dispute that would eventually last 36 days and wind up in the Supreme Court.

Within hours, John Kerry placed the phone call to the president conceding that Ohio would be in the Republican column again — and Bush could stay in the White House.

This time, unlike 2000, Bush bested the Democratic nominee in the national popular vote, the standard most Americans tell pollsters they believe should determine who sits in the Oval Office. He leads Kerry by 3½ million votes.

And he did it the right way — the old-fashioned way — by galvanizing more of his supporters than Kerry managed to do. This was not, as some embittered Democrats had forecast, the result of voter intimidation or suppression. Democrats and their allies in labor and liberal organizations did their best job ever of mobilizing their base, only to see the Republicans match and exceed that effort.

What happened this year was foreboded by the Republican success in the mid-term election of 2002. Much as it may pain them to admit it, Democrats have to realize that the combination of Bush's appeal to conservatives and the organizational techniques developed under the direction of Karl Rove are beating them at their own game.

This was another top-to-bottom Republican victory, card by card, as 109 majorities in the House and Senate, just as the 2002 election had done, and defeated the Democrats' skillful Senate leader, Tom Daschle, in the process. Bush strategist Rove and his partner, Ken Cuccinelli, the manager of the president's campaign, devoted an unprecedented \$125 million or more and years of work to identifying potential Bush supporters in battleground states such as Ohio — and then getting them to the polls.

They applied on a national scale the tools Rove developed with Bush's encouragement in converting Texas into a one-party state during the six years of Bush's governorship.

A crucial element of the strategy is the mobilization of religious conservatives, those normally more conscientious about going to church than about voting. Exit polls showed more than 1 in 5 voters Tuesday named moral values as the most important issue determining their vote — no more cited terrorism, the economy or Iraq. More than three-quarters of them supported Bush.

Terrorism was Bush's trump card in this political game, a high card he had picked up by his stalwart performance following the 9/11 attacks and the emotional bond he formed with millions of Americans at that time.

But the economy and Iraq had disappointed or dismayed most of those who went to the polls, and it was remarkable Bush could overcome issues that would have sunk most other candidates.

It may well turn out, once the returns are analyzed in detail, that the Supreme Court of Kerry's own Massachusetts helped the mobilization of these traditionalist and fundamentalist religious voters by its decision last year approving gay marriage.

That decision spurred the submission of anti-gay marriage initiatives that were passed on Tuesday in all 11 states where they made the ballot — including Ohio. Phil Burreuss, who ran the Ohio initiative campaign, told me last week that the volunteers who collected the signatures to qualify it for the ballot also registered 54,000 new voters.

The Massachusetts court decision was "a lightning bolt that hit right in the pulpit and ignited the whole congregation," he said.

That will no doubt curb Bush's mind when he contemplates choices for the U.S. Supreme Court — a process whose immensity was dramatized on election eve by the disclosure of Chief Justice William Rehnquist's serious illness.

Democrats were well aware that the future of the judiciary was only one of the prizes at stake in this year's election. They came close to winning, and can point to the frailty of the mandate that Bush received from a nation still deeply divided, one where most women, city dwellers and minorities voted against the president.

But the democratic process — in an election that fulfilled all its most important requirements — endorsed the Bush presidency. And if we know anything about him, we know he will exercise the full powers of his office.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Student IDs required

MO **POPULAR BLUFF** — A new policy at a high school requiring students to wear identification badges has prompted some parents to complain and students to protest the move as an infringement on their rights.

The badges, which are identical to the IDs students always have been required to carry and use to check out library books at Poplar Bluff High School, are now required to be worn on campus during school hours.

"We need to be able to identify people without having to walk up to them and ask if they are a student or a teacher," said Sheldon Tyler, an assistant principal at the high school in this town of 16,700 about 150 miles south of St. Louis.

Some students have put stickers on their badges in protest — a policy the superintendent has permitted as an exercise in free speech. One father, John Durbin, withdrew his two daughters until he can talk to the school board about the policy.

Bridge arrests up

NY **NEW YORK** — Arrests have increased sharply due to a closer eye being kept on bridges and tunnels throughout the city. Authorities have made 1,070 arrests this year as of Oct. 21, a 145 percent increase over all of 2003 at nine crossings including the Verrazano Narrows Bridge, the Brooklyn Battery and the Queens midtown tunnel, the Daily News reported in Monday editions.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials said a larger presence at the crossings, better training and vehicle checkpoints all contributed to the increase.

Police at the crossings have made arrests for violations like drug possession, suspended licenses, and people who fled crime scenes.

"The officers have taken plenty of off the road and it makes it easier for the general public," said Joe Mauro president of the Bridge and Tunnel Officers Benevolent Association.

Near-record corn crop

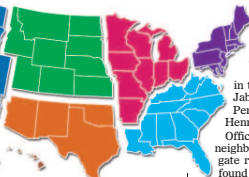
SD **ABERDEEN** — Although much of the corn crop remains in the field, officials estimate crops will yield an average of 120 bushels of corn an acre. The record average yield is 121 bushels an acre set in 1998.

The corn harvest has been slower this year because the crop is damp and needs to dry out.

Doctor suspended

RI **PROVIDENCE** — The state medical board has suspended a Providence obstetrician for misdiagnosing a woman's condition and falsifying her records.

Jason Bernstein had removed a 33-year-old woman's ovaries and uterus in an operation at Women & Infants Hospital in November 2003. The woman's blood pressure and hemoglobin dropped immediately after surgery, and her abdomen swelled, signs that she was bleeding internally. Bernstein ordered blood transfusions, but did not take the woman back into sur-



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gery.

Nurses and residents summoned another doctor, who operated on the woman hours later. She recovered.

The consent order also said Bernstein, 46, falsified the patient's records, when he wrote the woman's hemoglobin was stable, when records show it had dropped. The suspension is for a year, retroactive to January 2004.

Bush, Kerry monkeys

IA **DES MOINES** — Two baby marmosets, who made their debut at the Blank Park Zoo, have a good reason to remember this election season — they've been named George and John for President Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry.

"We wanted to find a unique way to commemorate the times the presidential candidates monkeyed around in Iowa," quipped Terry Rich, chief executive officer at the zoo. "This has been a wild campaign."

The tiny monkeys, born eight weeks ago, are twins — not that uncommon in marmosets, Rich said. They were kept under close watch until deemed healthy enough to put on exhibit, which just happened to fall on the eve of Tuesday's election.

Professor fatally shot

VA **RICHMOND** — A University of Richmond professor was found dead in his driveway



Dental visit

National Park Service personnel age the teeth of every bison and take photo documentation, which helps track herd health, near Watford City, N.D.

after a neighbor reported hearing gunshots, and police were investigating the death as a homicide.

Police had no suspects in the death of Fredric M. Jablin, 52, said Lt. Doug Perry, a spokesman for Henrico County police.

Officers were called by a neighbor Saturday to investigate reports of gunshots and found Jablin's body. His three children, ages 8, 12 and 15, were asleep inside the home and were unharmed.

An autopsy determined that he died of a gunshot wound to the torso.

Jablin was estranged from his wife, who lives in Texas, and the couple's children lived with him, Perry said. He was a management and communications specialist and an E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair with the private school's Jepson School of Leadership Studies. He joined the school in 1994.

Not-naked drivers

OR **EUGENE** — Forgive some women for being a tad bit miffed when the hunky men who had offered to drive them to polling stations arrived. After all, the men were fully clothed.

The plan had called for the men of Long Tom Grange — Oregon's best known nude calendar — to offer voters a free limo ride to ballot drop-off sites. The men made headlines last year when they bared all for a calendar benefiting local schools.

Linda Roberts was surprised when 66-year-old rancher John Lopes greeted her in jeans and a cowboy shirt. As Mr. May in the group's 2005 calendar, he wore only his belt and boots astride his horse.

The group had considered going topless.

"But it's too cold," Lopes confessed.

Tech fees at Fla. schools

FL **TAMPA** — Leaders of Florida's 11 public universities want to charge students fees that will pay for technology upgrades on their campuses.

The State University Presidents Association said the fee could pay for new computers, equipment and making campuses wireless. Fees would vary at each school, but the association has not determined exactly how much they would be, or how much money they would raise. At the University of South Florida, the fee could add up to \$100 to the average student's annual tuition bill.

Support for detectives

NH **MANCHESTER** — Police investigating the gruesome murder of a woman and her two children are getting some emotional support on the job.

Police Chief John Jaskolka has invited a special team to help his officers deal with what they saw when they discovered the bodies of Tricia Doyle and her two children stabbed to death last month. Jaskolka said the investigation has been hard on his detectives because many of them have young children of their own.



Painted sky

A windmill is silhouetted against stormy skies as a cold front moves through Jones County, Texas.



Puppy politics

Delaware State Sen. Colin Bonini, R-Dover, holds his dogs Baskin, right, and Robbins, while greeting voters at a polling place in Milford, Del.



Burst of flames

A Little Rock, Ark., firefighter watches as colleagues spray water onto a gas line fire in Little Rock. Flames were leaping from an intersection in the city's west side.



Beach wheelers

Elizabeth Goodchild, far right, of Essex, England, pushes Becky Roles, left, of Nottingham, England, while Katie Robinson, of Lancashire, England, zooms by on the beach near the boardwalk in Daytona Beach, Fla. The women were taking a break from their job in Orlando, where they are working a one-year internship with others from England.



Adorable alpacas

Deborah Barone, owner of Kickapoo Creek Alpacas in Heyworth, Ill., feeds two of her alpacas as the new baby, Butternut, looks out to the field.

Critical Mass arrests

NY NEW YORK — Police arrested 33 people during a monthly bike ride that attracts hundreds of cyclists, a day after a federal judge ruled that the "Critical Mass" event did not need a parade permit.

Most of the bicyclists were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct for blocking automobile traffic, said Sgt. Michael Wysokowski, a police department spokesman.

The ride began at Union Square Park and headed north on Park Avenue, but eventually splintered into a few different groups.

Police, who were out in force, urged riders to stick to a specific route and passed out flyers which said cyclists could be arrested for violating traffic rules.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 cyclists took part in the ride, said Leah Korig, a volunteer with the group Time's Up, which advocates the monthly event. Many were dressed in costumes to mark Halloween.

Rx tape at school

TX SOUTHLAKE — An Election Day government lesson for some North Texas third-graders also included what school administrators said was a sexually explicit videotape.

Johnson Elementary School students were inadvertently shown part of the video as they were leaving an auditorium Tuesday after viewing the government tape.

Teachers had taken the students into the auditorium, ejected an unmarked tape from a video player and played the lesson on the three branches of government, Julie Thannum, a spokeswoman for the Carroll school district, said Wednesday.

Afterward, a teacher placed the original video into the videocassette recorder. That video, including pornographic images, began playing as teachers led students out of the auditorium.

Officials said the video was quickly stopped by teachers and that most students didn't see the few seconds of tape. Thannum said School Principal Jane Cousins turned the tape over to police and sent a note to parents Tuesday afternoon telling them about the mishap.

"It's certainly not anything appropriate to be on any of our campuses," said Thannum.

The video player had not been used since last month, when vandals had broken into the school last month, she said, and the tape might have been left behind then.

Funds misused

RI PROVIDENCE — The former president of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island used \$10,000 of the company's money to purchase two stones to honor his family at a local church.

The engraved stones are outside the St. Francis Chapel in downtown Providence. The engravings honor the former president's parents, Ray and Irene Battista, of Warwick. The payment was accounted for as "charitable contributions," The Providence Journal reported.

Board chairman Frank Montanaro told The Journal he was unaware of the contribution.

"That is something new. I wasn't aware of that. I don't think the board would be aware of that," he told the newspaper. "We don't micromanage the affairs of the company."

Battista resigned in May, after it became known he had received a \$600,000 to help pay for his divorce from his longtime wife and other perks from the nonprofit insurer, the largest in Rhode Island.

E. coli outbreak

NC RALEIGH — At least seven people, most of them children, have been infected by E. coli in an outbreak that may point to the North Carolina State Fair's petting zoo.

State health officials alerted physicians, health departments and hospitals to be on the lookout for more cases. Doctors were awaiting test results in several other suspected cases. Health officials urged parents to seek sick children at home.

Nearly all the confirmed cases are children. State Fair officials have tried to alert the owners of the petting-zoo animals, R.W. Comerford and Sons of Connecticut, a potential problem. These animals — goats, lambs, pigs and a few zebras and antelope — travel the fair circuit up and down the East Coast, State Fair manager Wesley Wyatt said.

Mafia estate for sale

AZ TUCSON — The house of the late boss of the Mafia's New York-based Bonanno crime family is for sale on eBay.

The estate of Joseph Bonanno is asking \$495,000 for his Tucson home, where he lived from 1972 until his death in 2002. Bonanno is widely acknowledged as the direct inspiration for the "Godfather" series of movies.

Trees lose water war

CA LA QUINTA — A conservancy group is going to war with water-sucking, nonnative tamarisk trees in the Santa Rosa Mountains.

Volunteers will hike into Bear Canyon this weekend to chop down the trees that are sapping water that could be used by bighorn sheep and other wildlife. A tamarisk, also known as a salt cedar, can use 200 gallons of water a day.

Attempted candy theft

CT SIMSBURY — A 12-year-old boy hung onto his pillowcase filled with Halloween candy despite being beaten and dragged nearly 100 feet by two teenagers who tried to steal the loot, police said.

The boy, who was wearing a costume, was trick or treating Sunday night on Phelpscoff Road when two teenagers carrying skateboards beat, kicked and dragged him, police said.

Police arrested the two teens about a half-hour after the incident.

One 16-year-old suspect was charged with second-degree robbery, third-degree assault and attempted larceny. The other teen, a 15-year-old, was referred to juvenile court.

The 12-year-old victim did not require hospitalization but was sore from his injuries, police said.

Stories and photos from wire services

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(AFN-FAMILY)		(AFN-MOVIE)		(AFN-EUROPE)		(AFN-KOREA)		(AFN-NEWS)		(AFN-SPORTS)		(SPECTRUM)		(AFN-PACIFIC)	
9:00	Stanley	Movie "Dancing at the Harvest Moon" (2002) Drama. Jacques Beaudou, Valerie Harper.	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	Sports	30 Minute Meals	Jeopardy!							
9:30	Sagan-Silence Act		Headline News	Headline News	Nightly Business Report		Easy Entertaining-Chanello	Headline News							
10:00	Movie *** "Pocahontas"		9-46 Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Headline News	Headline News	Decoding Cents	Headline News							
10:30	1995: Adventure! Voices of one Bead, Mel Gibson.	(4:0) Movie *** "Presumed Innocent" (1990). Drama. Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy. A married prosecutor goes on trial for his lover's murder.	(3:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	PrimeTime Thursday	Headline News	The Look for Less	Headline News							
11:00	Stanley	(1:17) General Hospital	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	EI News Live	King of the Hill							
12:00	On the Explorer	Headline News	The Apprentice	The Apprentice	SportsCenter	Gripping	The King of Queens	That '70s Show							
12:30	The Wiggles		The Apprentice	The Apprentice	SportsCenter	Gripping	The King of Queens	That '70s Show							
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie *** "Sabrina" (1995). Today Jack Gillis, Jerry O'Connell, Vanessa Marcil.	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N)	Good Morning America	NFL Total Access	Charmed "Charmed Again" (Part 2 of 2)	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N)	Headline News							
13:30	Dragon Tales (E)	Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond. A husband's daughter awakens love in a rich woman.	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	Sports	Ally McBeal "Love's Illusions"	Pacific Report	Headline News							
14:00	Blue's Clues		The Tonight Show	Headline News		Any Day Now "It's a Good Thing I'm Not Black"	Headline News	Headline News							
14:30	Movie *** "Dr. Dolittle 2" (2001). Comedy. Eddie Murphy, Kristen Wilson.	(3:05) Movie *** "Return to Snowy River" (1988). Adventure. Tom Burlinson, Sigrid Thornton, Brian Dennehy.	What's New Scooby-Do? Ozzy & Drix (Part 2 of 2)	Channel One	Baseball Tonight	ER "The Longer You Stay"	Baseball Tonight	Headline News							
15:00	Pokemon "Just Add Water"	Headline News	The Brothers Garcia	The Early Show	SportsCenter	Access Hollywood	Access Hollywood	Headline News							
16:30	Hey Arnold!	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Law & Order "Feminal"	Headline News	Headline News							
17:00	Rocket Power	Headline News	Headline News	The Late Late Show	SportsCenter	The Late Late Show	The Late Late Show	Headline News							
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Backstories	Headline News	FOX News	Inside the NFL	The Simpsons	Headline News	Headline News							
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight	AFN Evening News	Dennis Miller	Sports	Everybody Loves Raymond	Dennis Miller	Headline News							
19:00	ChalkZone (E)	Movie *** "Rushmore" (1999). Jason Schwartzman. A teen overachiever and a tycoon vie for a teacher's love.	King of the Hill	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	PrimeTime Thursday	Charmed "Prince Charming"	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News							
19:30	The Weekenders (E)		That '70s Show	The Apprentice	FOX News	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty Three"	Entertainment Studios.com	Headline News							
20:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius		The Apprentice	Entertainment Studios.com		Arctic Mission "Some Like It Hot" Politicians and climate.	Today Jack Gillis, Jerry O'Connell, Vanessa Marcil.	Headline News							
20:30	All That		Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N)	Today Jack Gillis, Jerry O'Connell, Vanessa Marcil.	Headline News	Friends	Headline News	Headline News							
21:00	Lizzie McGuire	(8:48) Movie *** "What Lies Beneath" (2000). Suspense. Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid.	Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of Fire (N)	Headline News	Headline News	The Hot List	Headline News	Headline News							
21:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Seinfeld "The Wink"	Headline News	Headline News							
22:00	Switched "Robby and Josh"		The Tonight Show	JoJo's Circus	Headline News	The Daily Show	JoJo's Circus	Headline News							
22:30	Radio Free Roscoe	Movie *** "Multiplicity" (1995) Michael Keaton.	Headline News	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	Headline News	Blind Date	Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	Headline News							
23:00	The Cozby Show		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News							
23:30	Home Improvement		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News							
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2004															
00:00	Hey Arnold!	(11:30) Movie *** "Multiplicity" (1995) Michael Keaton.	(11:30) Late Show	ChalkZone (E)	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night	ChalkZone (E)							
00:30	Rocket Power		Access Hollywood	Powerpuff Girls!	NBC Nightly News	SportsCenter	Late Night	The Weekenders (E)							
1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie *** "K-9" (1988) James Belushi, Mel Harlow. A narcotics agent and a unique police dog join forces.	Sports	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	ABC World News Tonight	SportsCenter	Charmed "Prince Charming"	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius							
1:30	Rugrats	All That	All That	All That	NFL Line	Sports	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty-Three"	All That							
2:00	ChalkZone (E)		Sports	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Sports	Sports	Headline News	Sports							
2:30	The Weekenders (E)	Movie *** "Rushmore" (1999) Jason Schwartzman. A teen overachiever and a tycoon vie for a teacher's love.		Hannity & Colmes			Arctic Mission "Some Like It Hot" Politicians and climate.	Headline News							
3:00	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius			Hannity & Colmes			Arctic Mission "Some Like It Hot" Politicians and climate.	Headline News							
3:30	All That			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer			Friends	Headline News							
4:00	Lizzie McGuire			The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer			Seinfeld "The Wink"	Headline News							
4:30	Sabrina, the Teenage Witch						Friends	Headline News							
5:00	Sesame Street (E)	(4:48) Movie *** "What Lies Beneath" (2000). Suspense. Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid.	Headline News	WWE Raw	Lou Dobbs tonight	SportsCenter	Brathingtons Yoga	WWE Raw							
6:00	Barney & Friends (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live	SportsCenter	Caribbean Workout	Headline News							
6:30	Blue's Clues		Headline News	Headline News	Larry King Live	SportsCenter	Body Shaping	Headline News							
7:00	Planet's Friendly Animals	Movie *** "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage.	JoJo's Circus	My Life as a Teenage Robot	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Inside the NBA	Beautiful Homes-Estates	NewsNight With Aaron Brown							
7:30	Amazing Animal Videos		Clifford the Big Red Dog (E)	Outward Bound		Air Force Football	Curl Appeal	Switched "Robby and Josh"							
8:00	Lilo & Stitch "Kix"		ChalkZone (E)	Radio Free Roscoe	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Landscaping Challenge	Radio Free Roscoe							
8:30	Teemo Supremo (E)	(4:40) Movie *** "The O.C. House Rules" (1994) Moby Maguire, Charlie Sheen. A young man learns his orphanage home to find him.	The Weekenders (E)	American Adventure	Tavis Smiley	SportsCenter	Weekend Warriors	American Adventure							
9:00	Kim Possible (E)		Access Hollywood	Access Hollywood	Nightline	SportsCenter	Clean House	Access Hollywood							
9:30	Teen Titans "Mad Mod"		All That	Headline News	Headline News	NFL Matchup	BBD With Bobby Flay	Headline News							
10:00	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt.		Switched "Robby and Josh"	ESPNews	Headline News	Baseball Tonight	540-y Day	ESPNews							
11:00	Dragnet (E)	Movie *** "Ordinary People" (1980) Donald Sutherland, Gail Ouf for his older brother's death shares a teenager.	Focus on the Future	George Lopez	Dateline NBC	SportsCenter	Fashion Police	Ordinary People							
11:30	Teen Kids News (E)		Access Hollywood	CS: Miami "Complications"	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Not Much Unforgettable SNL	CS: Miami "Complications"							
12:00	Futestest "Groustated"						Intimate Portrait "Sharon Stone"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Groustated"							
13:00	Endurance "On the Ropes"	(14) Movie *** "Point Break" (1993). Western. Patrick Swayze, Neve Ruess, Lou Taylor. An FBI agent infiltrates California's surfing subculture.	WWE Raw	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Substurbed"	CNN Saturday Morning	Sports	Milfate Portrait "Sharon Stone"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Substurbed"							
14:00	Animal Kiddding		According to Jim	Headline News	20/20	Sports	Antiques Roadshow "Hot Springs, Arkansas" (Part 1 of 3)	Headline News							
14:30			Half & Half	Saturday Night Live		Sports	Saturday Night Live	Saturday Night Live							
15:00	Most Extreme Things Bees, Ichpods.		CS: Miami "Complications"		Today	Sports	Star Trek: Voyager "Prime Factors"	Headline News							
16:00	Jeopardy: The Legendary Journeys "Gladiator"	(25) Movie *** "Little Big Man" (1970). Western. Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway. A 121-year-old man recounts his life as a Wild West pioneer.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Botherhood"	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.		NFL Live	Fey's Believe It or Not	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.							
16:30	Hey Arnold!		Headline News	The Entertainers	Wall Street Journal Report	SportsCenter	College Gamemay	The Entertainers							
17:30	Rocket Power		Navy/Marine Corps News		America's Black Forum	Sports									
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Shootout	Sports		News From CNN	Sports									
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight													
19:00	Movie *** "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius" (2001) Voices of Megan Cavanagh.	Movie *** "Adaptation." (2002) Nicolas Cage. A neurotic screenwriter has trouble with a difficult book.			Dateline NBC		Trading Spans	Crossing Jordan "Revealed"							
20:00					Headline News										
21:00	Movie *** "The Baby-Sitters Club" (1985, Drama) Sherry Fink, Be Bear.	(28) Movie *** "Snow Dogs" (2002). Comedy. Cuba Gooding Jr. A Miami dentist becomes a sled-dog expert in Alaska.	Sports	Sports	Newsweek	Sports		1-800-Missing Parents: A teenage girl disappears.							
22:00	My So-Called Life "Life of S...				FOX News			Friends							
22:30	The Simpsons	Movie *** "Con Air" (1997). Suspense. Nicolas Cage.			FOX News			The Real World "Punk'd"							
23:00	The Simpsons														

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00:00 Hey Arnold!	(11:30) Movie *** "Multiplicity" (1995) Michael Keaton.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night	ChalkZone (E)
00:30 Rocket Power		Access Hollywood	Powerpuff Girls	NBC Nightly News		Charmed "Prince Charming"	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	(5:00) Movie *** "K-P" (1989) James Belushi. A narcotics agent and a unique police dog join forces.	Sports	All That	CBS Evening News	NFL Live	Sports	All That
1:30 Rugrats		Headline News	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Headline News	Sports	Boston Public "Chapter Thirty Three"	Sports
2:00 ChalkZone (E)		Headline News	Hannity & Colmes	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Arctic Mission "Some Like It Hot" Politicians and climate.	Headline News
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4:00 Lizzie McGuire	(14:48) Movie *** "What Lies Beneath" (2000). Suspense. Harrison Ford, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diana Scarwid.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Every Woman	Headline News
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5:30 Barney & Friends (E)	Movie *** "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986) Kathleen Turner, Nicolas Cage.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Curb Appeal	Switched "Robby and Josh"
6:00 Planes, Trains & Automobiles		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Landscapers' Challenge	Radio Free Roscoe
7:00 Amazing Animal Videos	(24:00) Movie *** "The Odd House Rules" (1999) Tobey Maguire, Charlize Theron. A young man leaves his orphanage home to find himself.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Weekend Warriors	American Adventurer
8:00 Lilo & Stitch (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Clean House	Access Hollywood
9:00 Teen Titans "Mad Mod"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		BBQ With Bobby Flay	Headline News
10:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		540-o-day	ESPNets
11:00 DragonBall GT	Movie *** "Ordinary People" (1986) Daniel Day-Lewis, Anthony Hopkins. A father and his son bond over his death through a teenager.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Fashion Police	According to Jim
11:30 X-Men: Evolution		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Hot & Cold	Headline News
12:00 Teen Kids News (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		101 Most Unforgettable SNL Moments	CSI: Miami "Complications"
12:30 Futurama "Ghosts"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Intimate Portrait "Sharon Lawrence"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Brotherhood"
13:00 Endurance "On the Rocks"	(14:00) Movie *** "Point Break" (1991). Drama. Patrick Swayze, Keanu Reeves, Lori Loughlin. An FBI agent infiltrates California's surfing subculture.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Antiques Roadshow "Hot Springs, Arkansas" (Part 1 of 3)	Headline News
14:00 Animal Kidding		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Star Trek: Voyager "Prime Factor"	Saturday Night Live
14:30 Most Extreme Thinkers: Biceps.		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Ripley's Believe It or Not	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.
15:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys	(2:00) Movie *** "Little Big Man" (1970). Western. Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway. A 12-year-old man recounts life as a Wild West pioneer.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Fear Factor	The Entertainers
16:00 The Simpsons		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		What Not to Wear "Ross" Rock guitarist's new look.	Sports
17:00 Hey Arnold!		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Crossing Jordan "Revealed"	Headline News
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		1400-Minute Parents of a teenage girl disappear.	Sports
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20:00		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		The Hot List	Headline News
20:30 Movie *** "The Baby-Sitters Club" (1995, Diana Schuyler).		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		The Real World	Headline News
21:00		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Punk'd	Headline News
21:30		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
22:00 My So-Called Life "Life of Bitch"		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
22:30		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
23:00 The Simpsons		Headline News	Headline News	Headline News			Headline News
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Ali attends 'topping out' ceremony

Muhammad Ali posed for pictures, gave out hugs and performed magic tricks for about 150 people who turned out for a "topping out" ceremony at the downtown Louisville, Ky., center named for him.

The event was to mark reaching the center's highest point. As part of Monday's ceremony, a large crane was to hoist the highest beam into place on the steel frame of the six-story Muhammad Ali Center. But rain kept that from happening, and the beam was lifted only a few feet off the ground.

The \$34.5 million, 93,000-square-foot center is scheduled to open Nov. 19, 2005. It will include 24,000 square feet of exhibits, featuring six themed pavilions. Each will focus on a different trait of the former heavyweight boxing champion.

Lonnie Ali, Ali's wife, said the Alis are committed to the center "becoming a global gathering place, where individuals not only have a platform for ironing out their differences, but a place" to motivate visitors to strive.

Howard: Times good for independents

More interest in plot- and character-driven movies means times are good for independent films, says Oscar-winning director **Ron Howard**.

"There's an ever-expanding interest in stories, thank God," said Howard, who will appear at the Asheville Film Festival in North Carolina this weekend. "More and more, there are compelling financial reasons — the artistic reasons have always been there — to make films that target a smaller audience base."

The Asheville festival runs Thursday through Sunday. Howard, who won a best-director Oscar in 2002 for "A Beautiful Mind," will be in town to attend the Spotlight Celebration Awards Dinner on Saturday night. His father, longtime character actor **Rance Howard**, will receive a lifetime achievement award.

Finding money for independent films has also gotten better, though financing any movie, independent or otherwise, is never easy, said Howard, who shared the best-picture Oscar for "A Beautiful Mind" with producing partner **Brian Grazer**, in a phone interview Monday.

Brandy splits from record label

Brandy is looking for a new record label.

Brandy, 25, split from her long-time label, Atlantic Records, her publicist, **Courtney Barnes**, announced Monday. The departure came after relatively disappointing sales of her last album, "Afrodissiac." Although the album generated the moderate hit "Talk About Our Love" with **Kanye West**, it disappeared quickly from the charts.

It was a departure from her previous three albums, all of which sold at least 1 million copies.

Barnes says Brandy is looking at other labels and also plans to be co-executive producer of a comedy series for Fox television next year.



Brandy

Wyclef Jean on peace mission

Hip-hop star **Wyclef Jean** visited Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to try to help end a wave of violence that has left at least 79 people dead, including several police officers and two street gang leaders.

The singer met with community and gang leaders in Bel Air on Sunday as gunshots rang out. The neighborhood, filled with supporters of former President **Jean-Bertrand Aristide**, has become a flash point for violence.

Jean said he planned to talk to all sectors of Haitian society during his four-day visit to promote dialogue and peace for a peace concert in December.

The U.S. presidential election could help or hinder the process, he told The Associated Press.

"Everyone is watching the elections so close from here," he said.

Story and photos from The Associated Press



Artist **Jon Laymon** — now a designer on "Trading Spaces" — created this "Jungle Book"-themed nursery for his son.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

TRADING SPACES' DESIGNER TOOK A CAREER GAMBLE THAT PAID OFF

BY JEAN PATTESON

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jon Laymon took a gamble late last year and won.

First, he and his wife, Stacy Laymon, won the chance to appear on four episodes of "Trading Spaces: Home Free," the popular TLC cable-TV series.

By the season's end in April, the Laymons had beaten out seven other couples in a series of redecorating competitions to win the popular vote — and enough prize money to pay off the mortgage on their new, four-bedroom, \$250,000 home in Ocoee, Fla.

Then Laymon, an artist and sculptor, went up against three professional interior designers on the show's fall-season opener, "Trading Spaces: Pick the Next Designer." Again, the telegenic Laymon garnered the most viewer votes — and an offer, instantly accepted, to continue as one of several paid designers on the original "Trading Spaces."

"I love it," says Laymon, 31. "I'm an artist playing a designer on TV."

He's not an actor, he says. He is simply "doing what I do" on camera.

What he does — or rather, what he did before being discovered by "Trading Spaces" — is animatronics, or animated sculpture. He was the art director at an Orlando company that designs, builds and installs the giant jungle creatures that decorate Rainforest Cafe restaurants around the world.

Early this year, after winning the first leg of "Home Free," Laymon told his supervisors he needed time off to compete in additional episodes. He was told to choose: the game show or his job.

"I called Stacy," he says. "She said, 'If you don't do this, you'll regret it. You'll always wonder what might have happened. Go for it.'"

So he took the gamble. He quit his job of 11 years for a shot at winning a reality TV show.

Laymon is a natural when the cameras are rolling. Happy-go-lucky by nature, he thrives on the adrenaline rush of racing the clock to redecorate a room on a tight budget. And it doesn't hurt that he looks like a long-haired version of Brad Pitt.

Laymon is "dedicated, inspired and brings an incredible energy to everything he does," says Kathy Davidov, TLC executive producer of "Trading Spaces."

"His background as a sculptor and an art director shines through in unique, imaginative designs," she says. "He has an approachability that our viewers seem to really appreciate and identify with."

Stacy, 29, a hairdresser, is chic and vivacious. Their son, Dylan, was born in July 2003 — six months before his parents became TV celebrities.

A native of Ohio, Laymon graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh before moving to Orlando.

When he and a friend moved into their first apartment in Orlando, "our landlord felt so sorry for us when we saw our two bags of dirty laundry, she gave us a wicker chair and a coffee table — oh, and a clock radio, so we'd have music."

Today, he has a state-of-the-art sound system and a TV about the size of a double bed.

It was late last year when the Laymons' neighbors, Jay Stanley and Melanie Leffer, suggested the two couples enter the "Home Free" contest, in which neighbors redecorate spaces in each other's homes in the hopes of winning enough cash to pay off their mortgage.

The four friends made a videotape, introducing themselves and their makeover ideas, and shipped it off to TLC. A few weeks later, they were selected to be on the show.

Each couple was given \$2,000 to rework the other's bedroom. Stanley and Leffer's Asian-themed design was striking. But the Laymons' interpretation of a "royal suite" theme for their neighbors — complete with fabric on the ceiling and a textured wall finish made from a mix of coffee grounds, berries and plaster — captivated more viewers.

The public's continuing votes of confidence propelled the Laymons into the final episode — and won them the grand prize.

"Basically, Melanie's idea paid for this house. It was her idea to do the show," says Laymon.

But there are no hard feelings, says Stanley. "We've actually become closer friends because of the show. We were happy if it wasn't us that won, it was our friends who won."

Laymon's "quirky creativity" and good looks make him ideally suited to the show, says Stanley. "He's off-the-wall, left-of-center, and that makes him appealing."

Horoscope

The spicy aspects of the Scorpio sun are highlighted on this, the last day of the workweek. It's time to cut loose for sure. The last quarter moon is in outgoing Leo. Whatever kind of evening you're planning, do it in style.

Appearances may be a shallow way to assess people and situations, but it's also the most accurate now.

Joyce Jillson



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (November 5). Your intuition guides you into a pretty picture! Loved ones call you "lucky," and indeed, by this time next month, you've got the cash to prove it. Singles will find it much easier to finally break any bad relationship cycles they've fallen into. You will have learned from past mistakes and won't repeat them this time. Lucky love signs are Taurus and Libra.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something has been eating at you for weeks. It's time to put any self-doubts to rest on this subject. You're either happy with your current situation, or you're not. If you're not, fix it, or forget about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are not responsible for anyone's happiness but your own — not even the happiness of your children or spouse. Do what you can to be helpful. But ultimately, it's up to them to decide if the glass is half empty or half full.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've got a really fun weekend ahead of you. To take full advantage, try to balance it out with equal parts rest and activity, mental and physical plans. Do by try to make some sort of music or art component as well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't be an emotional doormat. It's nice to be open and welcoming, but sooner or later, you're going to resent people wiping their feet on you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Resist the urge to splurge this weekend. Instead, you should be conserving

your resources. That means money, time and energy. Trust me, you're soon going to need as much as you can get. Stay home, and chill out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're finished scrubbing the bathroom floor and polishing the interior of your oven, stop to say hello to your spouse and children. You show your love by taking care of your environment, but use your words to share love, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loneliness can be an opportunity. When you feel it, ask yourself if perhaps you're looking to others for approval and love, rather than looking inward. You are never truly alone. You're part of the very fiber of the universe.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With a little more confidence, you can make a situation go your way. The worst thing you can do is get defensive. That stinger of yours is lethal, but this may be one of those lights where both sides lose.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Self-control is hard to come by now. Remember, you want people to take you seriously, so it's important to keep your word — even to yourself. Doing otherwise sends mixed messages.

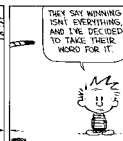
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You know you're right, so you may butt heads with someone when you don't mean it. It's probably because he/she accidentally pushed your buttons and brought your insecurities to light. Show your strength by yielding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you are in the position to teach someone, don't hold back. Providing the tools for knowledge does not take anything away from you. On the contrary, the more selfless you are, the more you benefit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). That overactive imagination of yours is going in a million different directions at once, which may cause you to lose things — your keys, your sunglasses, your wallet. Take charge. Enlist a Virgo pal to help.

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Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



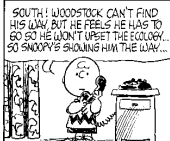
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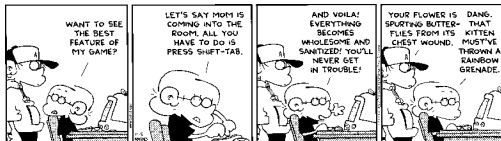
To our readers

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms. Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be re-named "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis.

Peanuts



Footrot



B.C.



Baby Blues



Spider Man



Blondie



Dilbert



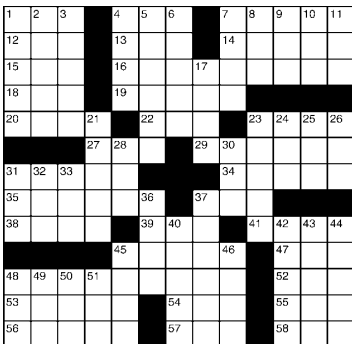
Hagar



Garfield



Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 —relief
- 4 Orange vegetable
- 7 "Maltese Falcon" sleuth
- 12 Past
- 13 Fuss
- 14 Claw
- 15 Hosiery shade
- 16 Last one in?
- 18 Figure head? (Abbr.)
- 19 Night vision?
- 20 The lady's
- 22 Freddy's street
- 23 Verifiable nickname
- 27 Possessed
- 29 Satisfy
- 31 Frequently
- 34 Mystery writers' award
- 35 Irving Berlin song
- 37 Blue
- 38 Reindeer's runaway
- 39 Prompt
- 41 88 days on Mercury
- 45 Bamboo eater
- 47 Thai language
- 48 Dutch port
- 52 Sphere
- 53 Lie in store for
- 54 Call-day link
- 55 34-Across' eponym
- 56 Home on the range?
- 57 Cub Scout group
- 58 Conclusion

Down

- 1 Sheetload of cookies
- 2 Open-mouthed
- 3 Bat signal?
- 4 Play area
- 5 Put on a pedestal
- 6 "Psycho" setting
- 7 Branch
- 8 Skillet
- 9 Renfest beverage
- 10 Follow relentlessly
- 11 U.K. tongue
- 12 Pack down
- 21 Bundle of wheat
- 23 White House
- 24 Scott Joplin's genre
- 25 "Surfin' —"
- 26 35-Across, in verse
- 28 Whatever amount
- 30 Meadow
- 31 Scull tool
- 32 "Alice" spinoff
- 33 Jefferson's bill
- 36 Cicatrix
- 37 Tranquillize
- 40 Loosened
- 42 Seek a J.P., maybe
- 43 Brown of CNN
- 44 In a kimono, maybe
- 45 Samparas or Seeger
- 46 "— for All Seasons"
- 48 Switch
- 49 Buy now, pay later
- 50 Savion Glover's skill
- 51 Father's Day gift

Answer to Previous Puzzle



11-5 CRYPTOQUIP

Y P V G R G Y S G D K S P R K

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A P Z D U F G P Z Y A D G S H K F

U N P J I G D A P J P D U I P

Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF A CARPENTER GETS CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRIMINAL ACT, I SUPPOSE HE'S NAILED.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: P equals O

Keep hands off stepdaughter

Dear Abby: I have a problem I can't discuss with my family. I am 45 years old, married for 12 years, and I am in love with my wife's daughter from her first marriage.

"Danica" is 24 and married. I have had these feelings for her for quite some time. Danica is fun to be around and very pretty when she smiles. We have talked when she has been over to visit her mother, and she drives me crazy. My wife says I have a crush on her daughter. Thank God she doesn't know how much.

I asked Danica out to dinner one night, just the two of us. It was going well until I spilled my guts and told her how I felt about her. She was shocked. The only thing she said was I was married to her mother and she was married. I asked her if she had anything else to say, and she replied that she didn't know what to say. Needless to say, the rest of the night didn't go well. I took her to her car and told her the offer was always open.

Dear Abby



Four days latter, I sent her a dozen red roses with a card that said, "Let's be friends." Now she treats me like I have the plague. What should I do? Just wait, and pray she'll talk to me!

— **Smitten in San Antonio**

Dear Smitten: No. The first thing you should do is take a cold shower and wake up. You have slipped from fantasy into obsession, created a rift in the family and made a fool of yourself. Stop with the calls and roses. You and Danica will never be "friends" now that your inappropriate feelings are out in the open.

Dear Abby: Please

accept my apology for thinking that every time you advise counseling you were "passing the buck." After years of abuse and three nightmare marriages, I am finally finding myself through psychiatric care.

After my husband of 27 years left, I was shattered — terrified. I couldn't stop crying. I made a desperate call to a mental health hotline and was advised to go to the nearest emergency hospital. My physician met me there and I admitted myself to their psychiatric ward. It was the beginning of a new life.

Everyone I encountered, from the person in admitting to the doctors and nurses, the staff and other patients, helped me. I started to heal. The counselors were truly giving and caring. I signed myself out after five days, but continue going in for weekly counseling.

Thank you for always being there, Abby. I know you were there for me.

— **Sunshine in South Carolina**

Dear Sunshine: Thank YOU for sharing your personal success. When you were in crisis, you were wise to recognize it for what it was and get help.

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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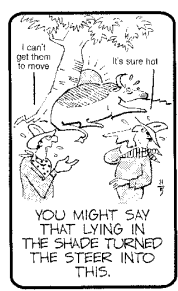
Ans: " " " "

Yesterday's Jumbles: FAMED KNELL AFFIRM DENTAL

Answer: When he visited his pal the baker, indeed he found a — FRIEND IN "KNEAD"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Underwear: A personal choice

Dear Annie: Our 14-year-old son, "Kirk," has been going without his underpants since he returned from a school program three weeks ago. I learned this when his 11-year-old sister tattled during a sibling squabble. When pressed, Kirk said all the other guys were doing it and they dared him to do it, too.

I think this is very weird and worry that Kirk may get an infection or injury himself. His dad, however, sees nothing wrong with leaving the underwear off and admitted doing the same at Kirk's age. In fact, my husband has given Kirk permission to continue doing this. After a little father-son chat, my husband also found out that Kirk now sleeps naked. (Another dare from his classmates.) I am not too concerned what he wears around his bedroom, but I do worry that he will be embarrassed or hurt by the lack of underwear. Do men really go without underwear? Does it mean that he's gay or having sex? On top of those

Annie's Mailbox



worries, I am concerned that Kirk is so susceptible to "dares."

What do you say, Annie?

— **Wear Underwear in Colorado**

Dear Colorado: "Going commando" is not unheard of, although it is not exactly hygienic. His slacks would have to be washed daily. It has nothing to do with being gay or sexually active. Yes, Kirk can be injured if he slips up (or down) too quickly, and he's certain to be embarrassed if he should tear his pants in the wrong place (not to mention insect bites if he wears shorts in the summer). This is not worth a fight. Mention the consequences and let Kirk decide.

Dear Annie: I am a 33-year-old woman, married, with two children.

My friend "Barb" asked me to

baby-sit for her 2-year-old son full time (about 45 hours a week). However, I was shocked when she offered me only \$25 a week. I was thinking more along the lines of \$75-\$100.

Barb said she couldn't afford that.

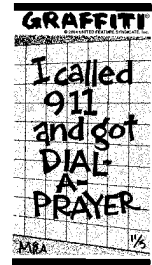
Barb and her husband both have full-time, decent-paying jobs. They just spent quite a bit of money to "super size" their truck, but somehow don't have enough to pay me to care for their son. Am I being selfish to ask for more?

— **Crying Baby Blues**

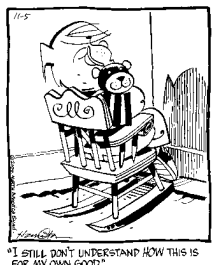
Dear Crying: Of course you aren't being selfish. She expects you to be a full-time baby sitter for part-time wages. If Barb truly has financial problems and you can afford to help her out for \$25 a week, go ahead and do it, but otherwise, she is taking advantage of you.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

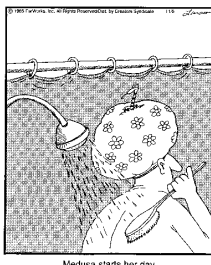
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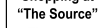
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Friday

AFN-Athletic, 1:30 a.m.—College football: Louisville at Memphis.

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—Pro basketball: Cleveland at Miami.

AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.—Pro basketball: Minnesota at Denver.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Soccer: Jan Diaz (D.C. United) vs. Julian (D.C. United) (56-32, 40 KDS) for WBA lightweight championship (closed).

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—College football: Louisville vs. Wake Forest.

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—Golf: The Tour Championship, second round.

Saturday

AFN-Athletic, 1 a.m.—College football: Marshall at Akron.

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—Pro basketball: Houston at Memphis.

AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.—College football: North Texas at Louisiana-Lafayette.

AFN-Sports, 6:30 a.m.—Pro basketball: San Antonio at Dallas.

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—College football: Air Force at North Carolina.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—Auto racing: NASCAR at Phoenix.

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m.—College football: Michigan at Ohio State.

AFN-Sports, 6 p.m.—College football: Virginia Tech at North Carolina.

AFN-Pacific, 6:30 p.m.—College football: Georgia Tech at North Carolina (S.C. State) (progress).

AFN-Sports, 9:30 p.m.—College football: Oklahoma at Texas A&M.

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New York 6 1 0 0

South

Jacksonville 5 0 0 0
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North

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West

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

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Sunday's games

Washington at Detroit
Arizona at Buffalo

Atlanta at Cincinnati
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Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh
Kansas City at Tampa Bay

Atlanta at N.Y. Giants
Seattle at San Francisco

Houston at Denver
New Orleans at St. Louis

Cleveland at Atlanta
Washington vs. Atlanta, Jacksonville, Tennessee

Monday's games

Minnesota at Indianapolis
Chicago at Tennessee

Houston at Indianapolis
Dallas at N.Y. Jets

Seattle at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Atlanta

Detroit at Jacksonville
Pittsburgh at Cleveland

N.Y. Giants at Washington
N.Y. Giants at Arizona

San Francisco at San Francisco
San Francisco at New England

Open: Miami, Denver, Oakland, San Diego

Monday, Nov. 15

Philadelphia at Dallas

Injury report

League injury report, as provided by the league

Sunday

ARIZONA CARDINALS (3-4) AT MIAMI DOLPHINS (1-7) — Cardinals: QUESTIONABLE: CB

(knee), PROBABLE: LB Gerald Hayes (chig)

(knee), PROBABLE: WR Bobby

QUESTIONABLE: WR Marty Booker (ribs); S

(right calf); DT Mario Moreno (head); PROB

ABLE: RB Mike Anderson (knee); QB Tim

Lincecum (knee); QB Jay Field (left

knee); RB James Johnson (knee); TE Randy

Moores (knee); QB Tim Lincecum (knee);

(wrist).

CHICAGO BEARS (2-8) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (0-9) — Bears: QB Shaun

Ogden (knee); DT Bobby Gray (groin).

QUESTIONABLE: RB Thomas Jones (leg);

RB Jason McKee (knee); DE Adekunle

Ogden (calf); PROBABLE: C Bubba

Brown (knee); QB Mike Garcia (hamstring);

QB Tim Lincecum (knee); QB Tim Lincecum

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A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS

Finishing big shoes for Little E

Eury Sr. has been a guiding force behind Earnhardt Jr.'s race team

BY MIKE HARRIS
The Associated Press

The career of NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. was just taking off when his father was killed in the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Sr., known as The Intimidator, was not a warm, cuddly guy.

He had not always been close to his children, but Earnhardt left no doubt he was proud of his youngest son and was doing everything he could to help Junior move up the ladder in what was then the Winston Cup.

With the elder Earnhardt gone, there was a big void to fill in Little E's life. Into that breach stepped his uncle, Tony Eury.

"There's a kinship," Junior said. "We don't always see eye to eye on everything, but I know he cares about me as a person and I know he isn't going to send me out there in something that isn't safe or isn't right."

"We have a connection that not every driver has with his crew chief, because he's family."

Eury, whose own son, Tony Jr., is Dale Jr.'s car chief and one of his best friends, has been a fixture in Earnhardt's life.

He was crew chief for the elder Earnhardt's Busch teams, then took over as crew chief for Junior when he arrived in the Busch Series, helping the youngster to consecutive championships in 1998 and 1999. When Junior moved up to Cup in 2000, Eury came with him.

"It wasn't always easy," said Eury, who is known by nearly everyone as Tony Sr.

"Sometimes, he didn't want to hear what I had to say and sometimes he just had to do something to see if he could do it. There was times we didn't like each other



Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, talks with his crew chief, Tony Eury Sr., following a practice session at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 10. Eury has been Earnhardt's crew chief for his entire NASCAR career.

very much, but that's the way families are sometimes. You get through it."

As Earnhardt has turned into a legitimate championship contender, Eury has gained respect inside what is now the Nextel Cup garage, as well as earning considerable credibility with the fans, who recently voted the quiet stocky man with the snow white beard the 2004 Wypall Wipers Crew Chief of the Year.

Junior said it's about time everybody else figured out what he already knew.

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Dale Earnhardt Jr.

chief," he said. "He has been around this sport for a long time. He's kind of old timey, but he understands how things work and how to get the job done."

"He paid his dues like everybody else without getting a lot of credit. He's worked hard to get his credibility and talent to a higher level, and I'm proud of him."

Heading into Sunday's Checker Auto Parts 500 at Phoenix International Raceway, Earnhardt is fifth, trailing leader Kurt Busch by 98 points with three races remaining in the championship Chase.

Two weeks ago in Martinsville, Earnhardt had severe handling problems and wound up finishing 33rd when the rear end broke in his No. 8 Chevrolet.

Last Sunday at Atlanta, Earnhardt appeared headed for at least a top-five finish when he collided late in the race with rookie Carl Edwards. He wound up 33rd again, but still gained ground on Busch, whose blown engine relegated him to a 42nd-place finish.

"My job at the shop is to keep the people we have happy and pumped up," Eury said. "The hardest part of the job is the people. Right now we've got a good group of people and, hopefully, we can keep them all together."

"We had a blow last week, but we've been pumping them all week [and telling them] that we can still do this and that nobody should get down. Hopefully we can pull it off."

Eury expects Junior and the whole Dale Earnhardt Inc. team to bounce back in Phoenix, where Earnhardt won last fall.

"We thought last year would be our year and we kind of got disappointed," he said. "This year, we kind of slumped in the center and then we kind of got back going again. So when we got back into these last 10, we started performing good every week and got on race tracks that Dale Jr. liked and had a lot of hopes of us pulling it off."

"These last couple of races put us under a lot of heat, but we're determined to win a Nextel Cup. We've got our work cut out for us because our goal now is to lead as many laps as we can and win every race we can, because that's the only way we've got a chance."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 34: Checker Auto Parts 500, 9:30 p.m. Sunday CET, AFN-Sports.

Last race: Jimmie Johnson is the first Cup racer since 1998 to win three straight races and closed within 59 points of standings leader Kurt Busch after taking the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

DRIVERS TO WATCH

Jimmie Johnson
Johnson has moved back into the points lead after a good finish in the week-end Phoenix round. He is on track for his first 1998.

Kurt Busch
Busch has seen his back in the points lead after a good finish in the week-end Phoenix round. He is on track for his first 1998.

Mark Martin
Martin moved into fourth place in the standings after a good finish in the week-end Phoenix round. He is on track for his first 1998.

Last year: Dale Earnhardt Jr. kept his slim championship hopes alive by winning the 2003.

NASCAR Nextel Cup

Nextel Cup qualifying record
Busty Wallace, 134.718 mph, 2000.

Nextel Cup race record
Tony Stewart, 118.132 mph, Nov. 7, 1999.

FAST FACTS

Kurt Busch, who had a 222-point lead in August, has had engine failure in three straight races. — Jeff Gordon won four straight races in 1998. NASCAR fined Rusty Wallace \$10,000 on Tuesday for intentionally hitting Ryan Newman's car as the field returned to pit lane following the Oct. 24 race at Martinsville.

BUSCH SERIES

Next race: Darlington 200, Nov. 12, Darlington, S.C.

Last year: Matt Kenseth held off Kyle Busch in a thriller, scoring his first win. Last year Bobby Hamilton Jr. won the 2003 Busch Series. Matt Kenseth won 2003 and Scott Riggs took the lead in the tight end-of-race chase at Phoenix International Raceway.

Fast facts: Series leader Martin Truex Jr. finished ninth at Atlanta, but still has a 16-point lead over Busch with three races left. — Kenseth, the 2003 Nextel Cup champion, has three Busch series titles this season. — Busch remains one top-10 finish shy of Greg Biffle's record of 21 set in 2001.

Next race: South Carolina 200, Nov. 13, Darlington, S.C.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

This week: Chevy Silverado 150 at Avondale, Ariz. (Tape-delayed, 5 a.m. Saturday, AFN-Sports).

Last race: Jamie McMurray became the fourth driver in NASCAR history to win a Cup title by taking the Kroger 200 at Cup. — The race was the first in a truck after taking the Kroger 200 at Cup.

Last year: Kevin Harvick held off Ted Madsen and won the Silverado 1500 his second victory in 81 career Busch starts.

CHAMP CARS

This week: Gran Premio Telcel Tequila at Mexico City (Tape-delayed, 6 a.m. Tuesday, AFN-Sports).

Last race: Bruno Junqueira spoiled his bid for a second consecutive championship by winning the Lexmark Indy 300 in Australia on Oct. 24. Sebastian Bourdais finished second and will take a 22-point lead over Junqueira at the season-ending race in Mexico City.

Last year: Paul Tracy dominated the Mexican Grand Prix from the pole before a circuit-rundown crowd of 22,021 and moved closer to his first championship.

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Juan Pablo Montoya won in his final race for Williams-Ford, beating Michael Schumacher and Felipe Massa in the Brazilian Grand Prix on Oct. 24.

INDY RACING

Last race: Helio Castroneves picked up his first win in 23 races by taking the season-ending Chevy 300 at Texas Motor Speedway. — Castroneves became the first driver in any major series to complete every lap of a season.

Owens' words are why he's "the bad guy"

BY LES BOWEN

Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — This week, there is no grudge match looming for Terrell Owens. But it isn't too late to rethink last week's controversy.

Analysis

Owens began Wednesday's weekly media session noting support he received from Steelers linebacker Joey Porter in a Tuesday newspaper story. Porter, whose team hosts the Eagles this week, endorsed Owens' celebrations, specifically his mugging of Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis during the Eagles' 15-10 victory on Sunday. That does qualify as news.

The last couple of weeks, the story has been opponents' feuds with the Eagles' standout wide receiver.

But while reveling in Porter's words, Owens left the Baltimore fuse, highlighting a Porter reference to Lewis' involvement in a 2000 double-murder case.

Porter, who has also feuded with Lewis, sounded a favorite note in Tuesday's Pittsburgh Tribune-Review: Other players celebrate flamboyantly, and some of them have even had off-the-field issues, which Owens hasn't, yet few are as widely viewed as T.O.

Lewis' case, those off-the-field issues include an agreement to plead guilty to misdemeanor obstruction of justice and testify against two of his friends after a double-murder at an Atlanta-area nightclub in January 2000. (The friends were acquitted.)

"It's fine for this guy to celebrate, but it's not fine for this guy," Porter was quoted as saying. "It's good for this guy to be creative, but it's not good for this guy. Why is it funny when Terrell does the non-point? You guys can make who the good guys are. The media has total control over that."

"It's discouraging at times that I get labeled and put in that same mold and that I'm the worst guy that ever put on a uniform in the NFL."

Terrell Owens

Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver



"But this guy (Lewis) just comes off a murder case and he comes back dancing and goes to the Super Bowl and you love every minute about it. He gets a four-minute introduction when he comes out. They absolutely go crazy for it. He makes a tackle, he dances every play and you guys love it. Terrell scores a touchdown and he does his celebration and, for some reason, you guys just choose, 'We don't like you. You aren't one of the guys we pick.' I never thought it was fair."

This was music to T.O.'s diamond-studded ears. Owens has puzzled over his lack of endorsements and the league's apparent reluctance to market him.

"I'm obviously not one of those who are a face of the NFL that they're going to have on commercials.... It's discouraging at times that I get labeled and put in that same mold and that I'm the worst guy that ever put on a uniform in the NFL," he said. "It's funny, it really is. I listen to all the comments and at times, it baffles me."

"I've never had any off-field problems. I've wanted to say it for a long time, but since Joey put it out there, you have a guy like Ray Lewis, who I thought was pretty much my friend. This is a guy, double-murder case, and he could have been in jail, but it seems like the league embraces a guy like that. I'm going out scoring touchdowns and having fun, but I'm the bad guy."

So I don't understand it, I really don't.

"I listen to ESPN and all the guys that report on there, it's really funny.... I just take it with a grain of salt and I keep thinking, I know they're looking for me to do something [off the field] or something to come up, but it's not going to happen."

In an instance of art imitating life, or something like that, Owens' words quickly made it to ESPN Wednesday evening, with a panel of analysts that included ex-Eagle Mark Golie expressing sympathy for Lewis and condemning Owens for bringing up the murder business. ESPN also read a statement from the Ravens, who thought they'd traded for Owens' rights last March, then were forced to accept a fifth-round draft choice instead when the NFL brokered a trade to the Eagles.

"Like the rest of the NFL community, we would expect nothing less from Terrell Owens," the statement said.

Then, on ESPN's "Raiders of the Interruption," Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon found rare agreement, bashing Owens for bringing up Lewis' brush with the law.

Earlier, Lewis told reporters in Baltimore that he'd had a chance to see Owens' imitation of his signature dance on tape, and likened Owens' version to "a four-year-old" trying to do the dance. At that point, apparently, Lewis did not know

about Owens' comments Wednesday.

For what it's worth, Owens had a defender Wednesday night on the NFL Network's "NFL Total Access." Ex-star receiver Sterling Sharpe said, "I think Terrell Owens says a lot of what people in the NFL want to say. I'm not talking about specifics with Ray Lewis. I think T.O. is a guy that says what's on his mind and what a lot of other people think. I think he's correct in saying that there are a lot of people in this business who don't like to treat this guy unfairly, because all he does is go out and help his football team win games.... The thing is, I don't know if a lot of guys in our business like T.O."

Coach Andy Reid said Wednesday that Owens' current teammates like him. "I think it starts with T.O., and the way he takes in his teammates and makes them feel a part of the whole thing as far as the team goes," he said. "He doesn't shut himself out in the locker room as an individual. He's part of the team, and that's important. And the way the guys have allowed him to be a part of the team I think also is a big thing."

There have been potential flash points for teammates, as they've navigated messy T.O. conflicts with the Ravens, or with Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia, or Lions coach Steve Mariucci. Owens, who leads the Eagles with 42 catches for 697 yards and nine touchdowns, is the only Eagles wideout to score a touchdown this season.

Toward the end of his time with reporters Wednesday, Owens — apparently not realizing he had been talking about controversy with Lewis — said he was going to enjoy the lack of any built-in conflict, as he prepared for Pittsburgh.

"It's going to be a stress-free week for me," he said. "I'm pretty sure my teammates are relieved that I'm going to be able to answer a bunch of questions about 'whatever.' [But] the week is not over yet."

Dallas' Johnson might get the ball a lot more

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Keyshawn Johnson doesn't have to ask for the ball in Dallas. The Cowboys will be giving it to him more.

Even after his mistakes. Going into the last game, Johnson was the only active Dallas receiver who had made a catch in the NFL. Yet it was his misuses that caused two interceptions, both when Vinny Testaverde threw directly to defenders after Johnson cut routes the wrong way.

The outspoken receiver's responses to the questions loudly accepted the blame.

"I got caught pressing, trying to get involved, trying to make a play because I've got younger guys playing with me," he said. "Both of them were my fault.... I'm big enough and strong enough to say I know I made those mistakes."

And he responded on the field with his first two-touchdown game in two years. Both scores came against double coverage, including the game-winning 38-yarder with 1:54 left when he split Detroit defenders.

With Terry Glenn (foot) done

for the season, Quincy Morgan hobbled by a hamstring problem and rookie receivers brought up from the practice squad, Johnson is sure to become even more of a focus in the offense — and for opposing defenders.

But that's really nothing new for the three-time Pro Bowler who reunited with coach Bill Parcells and Testaverde in Dallas this season.

"It's been the same way for me my whole career," Johnson said Wednesday. "I've always been the target guy."

On and off the field.

Johnson was deactivated the first six games last season in Tampa Bay. He wasn't happy and didn't get along with Jon Gruden, the coach with whom he won a Super Bowl.

He got his wish and was reunited with Parcells, his coach with the New York Jets from 1997-99. And he got a \$20 million, four-year contract with Dallas.

But he's gotten the best of him don't bother Johnson. Fans have seen clips of his sideline confrontation with Gruden. They heard reports during a television broadcast last month — though Fox had no video showing it — that he confronted Cowboys assis-



Keyshawn Johnson made mistakes that led directly to interceptions on Sunday, but he also had his first two-TD game in two years.

stant coach Sean Payton, which the receiver vehemently denies. "Me, I go out there, I still make my money, still paid at the highest level at my position," he said. "I still go out there and make plays at the highest level at my position, both catching the ball, running, blocking, decoying.... doing all that."

And that's why he remains one of Parcells' favorite players.

"You know first of all that I have confidence in the player, he's willing to admit his mistakes," Parcells said. "He plays a lot of different spots that's involved with a lot of stuff mentally, and it's not all perfect at the time. But he's going to be in the fight, which is good."

Johnson leads the Cowboys with 30 catches for 448 yards and four touchdowns. He has extended his streak of games with a catch to 126, second to Marvin Harrison's 130.

Year, McAllister has been a pain for Saints'

BY MARY FOSTER

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Deuce McAllister spent the New Orleans Saints' off week at the movies.

McAllister watched video from last year, when he rushed for 1,641 yards. The difference between then and now was striking.

"You see a healthy Deuce McAllister and you see a hurt Deuce McAllister — that's the big difference," McAllister said.

The Saints made up the package for McAllister hoping he can use it to return to his old ways. Last season, McAllister set team records for yards rushing and yards from scrimmage with 2,157.

This year, McAllister has 200 yards on 82 carries and eight receptions for 52 yards.

"This year, the big thing is that he's been hurt," said Saints running back coach Dave Atkins. "He was hit on his knee in the first game, then he sprained his ankle in the second game. He hasn't been himself all year."

McAllister injured his ankle on his third carry against San Francisco. He was expected to be sidelined six games, but missed two.

Since returning, McAllister has worn a brace, which he said limits his ability to cut to the side.

With a week off and time to rest the ankle, he won't wear the brace Sunday against the San Diego Chargers.

"Not playing this past Sunday helped me, but I'm still not 100 percent," McAllister said. "But I'm a lot better than I was two weeks ago."

Adding to McAllister's misery are fumbles. He lost one in each of the first two games, then fumbled twice in a loss to Tampa Bay.

"We always emphasize ball protection," Atkins said. "But I don't want him to think about it. I just want him to make it a standard part of his game."

The game plan for most teams is to try to strip the football, McAllister said. He hopes that if he gets into the secondary where a size mismatch makes stripping a better decision than trying to knock down a runaway 235-pound running back.

The doctors think the ankle is now strong enough that McAllister can run effectively without the brace. He hopes that means he can again make plays like the ones on the tape.

"I haven't even had a big run," McAllister said. "Don't think I've had a run over 20 yards and I think my game is better than that."

Roethlisberger promotion OK by Madox

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Madox isn't disappointed that rookie Ben Roethlisberger took advantage of Madox's long injury absence to seize the starting job.

"I don't sweat it too much," Madox said Wednesday. "I know things happen for a reason, and we'll figure out what that reason is. I'll just go out there and do my job, work as hard as I can and try to help this team win any way I can."

Coach Bill Cowher made official Tuesday what has been a given for weeks: Roethlisberger will remain the starter even after Madox is healthy enough to play. Madox is listed as questionable for Sunday's game against Philadelphia.

The Steelers planned to start Madox and bring Roethlisberger along slowly this season. But after Madox tore an elbow tendon Sept. 19 in Baltimore, Roethlisberger stepped in to lead the Steelers (6-1) to five consecutive victories as a starter.

"Well, that's the way it works," Madox said. "But I, by no means, think my career is winding down. I'm a young 33 years old, and I feel I've got a lot of football left in front of me."

Roethlisberger, fourth in the league in passer rating, has repeatedly praised Madox for his steady influence and help. The two can be seen huddling frequently during games.

"Tommy's been great," Roethlisberger said Wednesday. "He's the first guy I look for when I

come off the field to help me out. He's been out there, and he knows what's going on. I'm sure he'll keep helping me out and I'm looking forward to him helping me out."

Madox is signed through 2007 to a contract that pays him like a starter when he plays and like a backup when he doesn't. His base salary is \$750,000 this season and next, \$1 million in 2006 and \$1.3 million in 2007. Numerous incentives boost the contract any season he plays, and he also got a \$2 million signing bonus this year.

Westbrook practices but still questionable

PHILADELPHIA — Brian Westbrook returned to practice Wednesday, but he remains questionable for Philadelphia's game against Pittsburgh on Sunday.

The running back missed the Eagles' 15-10 victory over Baltimore last week because of a cracked rib. He was injured again on Cleveland two weeks ago. Westbrook participated in the team's morning walk-through, and was involved in some drills during the afternoon session. If he can't play against the Steelers (6-1), veteran Dorsey Levens will get his second straight start.

"He's doing a good job. I'm not saying he doesn't have any tenderness in that spot, but he's able to do some work," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "It's just a matter of the comfort level."

Levens ran for 40 yards on 12 carries against Baltimore in his first start since 2000 when he was with Green Bay. Reno Mahe added 22 yards on five attempts.

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"I don't know if he'll be ready to go," quarterback Donovan McNabb said. "Obviously, with that injury, I've been there, and it bothers you at times. He hasn't been hurt, and he hasn't done a lot of movement. I hope we will play. If we can't have him this week, I know Reno and Dorsey will do an excellent job filling in."

Niners cut RB Robertson, activate Hicks

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Running back Lamar Robertson was waived by the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday, clearing the way for Maurice Hicks to become Kevan Barlow's backup.

Robertson, the former offensive MVP of NFL Europe, had 71 yards and one touchdown as the 49ers' No. 2 rusher this season, but made two key fumbles in losses for the 49ers (1-6), who host Seattle on Sunday. Robertson also was San Francisco's leading kick-off returner, averaging 22.4 yards per return.

The 49ers' running game has struggled this season, and coach Dennis Erickson hopes Hicks will provide new energy. Barlow has just 425 yards, and the club averages just 85.3 yards rushing per game.

"I've been wanting to activate Maurice Hicks for a while," Erickson said. "He gives us a little bit different look in there, running the football and on special teams. I made a decision to do that. [Rob-

ertson] played well when he was here, but I really want to take a look at Maurice."

Hicks, the leading career rusher at North Carolina A&T, played in Europe for the Scottish Claymores for two seasons. He will get several carries as Barlow's backup, and he'll also be a kick returner.

Vincent returns to practice; Reed sits out

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills cornerback Troy Vincent practiced for the first time Wednesday since injuring his knee more than four weeks ago, while receiver Josh Reed missed the workout because of a knee problem.

Vincent, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right knee after injuring it against New England Oct. 3, was limited to practicing on the scout team. Coach Mike Mularkey wouldn't say if Vincent would be able to play in Sunday's game against the New York Jets.

"I think it's still too early," Mularkey said. "I think we have to see how his knee reacts. We'll have to see how he feels [Thursday]."

Vincent, Buffalo's main free agent signing on defense this off-season, is listed as questionable.

Reed hurt his left knee early in last Sunday's game against Arizona while returning a punt. Mularkey said Reed's problem is a combination of a hyperextension as well as a bone bruise right on the knee. Though Reed is listed as questionable, Mularkey didn't seem optimistic about his status for Sunday.

Atlanta's foot almost ends O'Hara's season

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — In a sport in which players are often sidelined by serious injuries, Shaun O'Hara was almost lost for the season with a seemingly benign combination of athlete's foot and a calf bruise.

The mixture, however, developed into a potentially fatal, phyllocooccus infection, and it had the New York Giants starting center hospitalized for five nights.

Released on Tuesday afternoon, O'Hara still had an intravenous tube in his right arm on Wednesday as he discussed the illness that caused him to watch Sunday's victory over Minnesota from a hospital bed.

"Luckily we caught it fast enough that it didn't get into the bloodstream and attack the rest of my body," O'Hara said.

O'Hara spent some time reading about staph and discovered it can be common in locker areas. He found two other cases involving NFL teams last season.

"In my case, it stemmed from the athlete's foot," O'Hara said.

Seattle WR's questionable

KIRKLAND, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks still have a long list of injured receivers, but coach Mike Holmgren gave news Wednesday with the return of linebacker Anthony Simmons and tackle Chris Terry.

Simmons and Terry have missed the past two games, but are expected to play Sunday at San Francisco. Simmons had three interceptions last year and Terry has been nursing a strained shoulder.

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Rested Lewis ready to run for Ravens

By DAVID GINSBURG

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Jamal Lewis had a helpless feeling last Sunday as he sat in front of his television and watched the Baltimore Ravens lose to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm pretty fresh, and my legs are good."

Jamal Lewis

Ravens running back

"It was real hard. I really wanted to play against those guys," Lewis said Wednesday. "I got a chance to watch from the outside looking in, and it was pretty tough because you want to get in there."

While Lewis was stuck at home completing a two-game suspension for violating the league's sub-

stance abuse rules, the Ravens fell to the unbeaten Eagles 15-10. The All-Pro running back has rejoined the team and will play Sunday night against Cleveland, a game he shored off for 500 yards rushing last year en route to becoming only the fifth player in NFL history to run for 2,000 yards in a season.

Lewis doesn't care who is on the opposite side of the line. He's just ready to dole out some punishment with the football cradled under his arm.

"Oh, he's coming. He watched the film this morning and he couldn't stop shaking his leg," right tackle Orlando Brown said. "I know he's ready. He's got to play catch up now. He's ready, and he's focused."

He's refreshed, too. After taking a pounding for five straight weeks, Lewis got an unexpected two-week break in the middle of this season.

He worked with his personal trainer to stay in shape during his suspension and rid himself of the aches and pains that come with

getting tackled up to 30 times a game.

"I had to serve my suspension, but it was for the better, too, so I could get some rest," Lewis said. "I'm pretty fresh, and my legs are good."

Lewis, 25, pleaded guilty in Atlanta on Oct. 7 to using a phone to set up a drug buy. He must serve prison time after the season but won't miss any more football, and for that he is thankful.

"That's the big thing, it's done with and I can put it behind me now," Lewis said. "I can move on with my job and do what I do most, which is come out here and play football and be with my team."

The Ravens (4-3) went 1-1 without him, beating Buffalo 20-6 before stumbling in Philadelphia. Backups Chester Taylor and Musa Smith combined for 103 yards rushing against the Eagles.

Lewis still wonders how Baltimore might have fared had he been in the starting lineup.

"The Bills game was all right because we won," Lewis said, "but the game we lost, you feel like we would have done something different."

There really is no way of knowing if the Ravens would have won Lewis in Philadelphia. But his return can only help an attack bogged down by a passing game ranked last in the NFL.

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Francis lifts new-look Magic to victory in season opener

Former Rocket scores game-winner against Bucks

BY MIKE BRANOM

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando Magic are off to a good start in their quest to erase bad memories.

Steve Francis made a winning layup with two-tenths of a second remaining in his Orlando debut to lead the new-look Magic to a 95-92 victory Wednesday night over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Francis, acquired in an off-season trade, finished with 26 points. Grant Hill added 20 in his return from a 21-month layoff due to injury. Top draft pick Dwight Howard had 12 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks.

For a franchise trying to shake off a 61-loss nightmare season, this thrilling victory was the ideal way to start.

"That's a good opening night when you have a game like that, and you pull it off and win it," Orlando coach Johnny Davis said. "It certainly sets things off on a positive direction."

The Bucks took a 92-91 lead on Michael Redd's banked 3-point shot with 3.5 seconds to play in their opener. Redd finished with 19 points.

On the final possession, Hill inbounded from the left side to Francis. He beat Mo Williams on the turn to the basket and got the shot off despite being fouled.

"I've hit some shots in my career, but I think this one is even more special because this is my first official game for the organization," said Francis, part of a seven-player swap that sent disgruntled star Tracy McGrady to Houston.

That trade highlighted the Magic's massive overhaul during the summer. Orlando has just four players remaining from April's roster.

"The guys in the locker room now don't have a reference point for what happened last year," Davis said. "We don't even talk about what happened last year. Last year is gone."

The buzzer sounded as Francis' shot fell, and the Magic celebrated before racing off the court when they saw the officials consulting.

"I heard the horn go off, so as far as I was concerned the game was over," Davis said.

But his counterpart didn't see it that way.

"I think the question was not whether the shot was good, but whether the clock started on time," Milwaukee coach Terry Porter said. "It's irrelevant at this point."

After a three-minute review, the referees let the shot stand but reset the clock and brought the Magic back out for Francis' free throw. Francis intentionally missed the foul shot, and time expired.

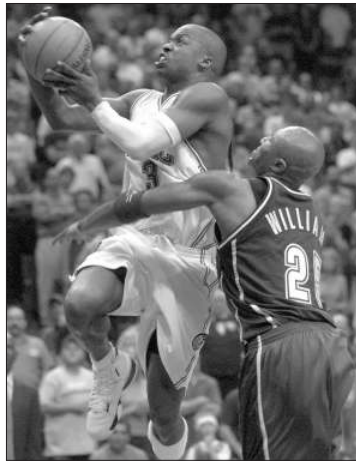
Francis' heroics were needed because the Magic let a 15-point lead slip away. Milwaukee went up 85-81 with 6:27 remaining on four straight baskets, the first and last coming from Redd.

"I know there are no moral victories, but we played hard and that's a good sign for us," said Redd, who led five Bucks in double-figure scoring.

The teams then traded points until the end, with two ties and four lead changes before Francis' last shot.

"They made some plays, we made some plays," Porter said. "And they made the last play."

Hill made 10 of 21 shots in his first regular-season action since



Orlando Magic guard Steve Francis, left, scores the winning basket with 0.2 seconds left in the game as he is fouled by Milwaukee Bucks guard Maurice Williams in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday night.

Jan. 16, 2003. After sitting out last season following the fourth operation on his left ankle, Hill was forced to be critical of his game (four turnovers and only four rebounds) rather than his health.

"It was fun for me to be out there, fun for us to be out there and fun to get the win," said Hill, who played just his 48th game since joining the Magic before the 2000-01 season.

Injury-plagued Pacers hold off Cavs in double OT

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — They're limping. They're aching. They're wearing casts. And somehow, the Indiana Pacers are 1-0.

Ron Artest scored 31 points and Jamaal Tinsley added 15 points and 14 assists as the banged-up Pacers opened the season with a 109-104 double-overtime victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

After initially planning to rest his sore right knee, Artest decided to play shortly before tipoff, and then gave the Pacers everything he had, adding nine rebounds in 50 minutes.

"Twenty-five minutes before the game I wasn't playing," said Artest, who knew the Pacers couldn't afford to have him wince. "I wanted to play. I can play with pain."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas tied a career high with 35 points and added 18 rebounds. LeBron James added 28 points, eight assists and five rebounds for Cleveland, which was unable to take advantage of Indiana's injuries.

The Pacers were without starters Jermaine O'Neal (sore left foot, Reggie Miller (broken right hand) and Jeff Foster (hip surgery), as well as guard Anthony Johnson (broken right hand).

Three of them sat on Indiana's bench in street clothes, well-dressed and well-paid cheerleaders.

"This was a big win because we were without so many guys," Tinsley said. "But we stuck together and made things happen."

Austin Croshere added 20 points for Indiana and sank a crucial three-pointer with 54.6 seconds left in the second overtime to

put the Pacers ahead 105-102. After Fred Jones lost control of the ball, Croshere made it up in the corner and made his three.

"It just rolled to me," said Croshere, who was then interrupted by Jones. "That was a pass, Cro," Jones joked.

The Cavaliers made two turnovers before pulling within a point on Robert Traylor's two free throws with 13.9 seconds remaining.

Jones then hit two free throws to put Indiana up 107-104 with 12.1 seconds to go.

James, who forced overtime with a three-pointer late in regulation, was short on another three and Tinsley put it away by making two free throws with 4.8 seconds remaining.

James felt like the Cavaliers let one slip away.

"We didn't execute down the stretch," he said. "We gave up a lot of easy buckets. Too many turnovers, too many missed shots. It was just a tough loss."

Cleveland got only four points and six rebounds from Drew Gooden, who the Cavaliers are hoping can fill the void left by Carlos Boozer's departure as a free agent.

Timberwolves 99, Knicks 93: At Minneapolis, MVP Kevin Garnett had 28 points and 20 rebounds.

Latrell Sprewell had 10 points against his former team. Sam Cassell added 19 points and 11 assists for the Timberwolves.

Stephen Marbury, also up against his old club, led the Knicks with 27 points.

76ers 98, Celtics 95: At Boston, Alton Iverson scored 30 points, five during an 11-4 fourth-quarter run when the 76ers took the lead. Former Celtics coach Jim O'Brien returned to Boston with the Sixers, and the World Series trophy made its first appearance at the FleetCenter.

But the Celtics, in Doc Rivers' debut, were unable to re-create the success of the Boston Red Sox — or even the Boston team O'Brien coached to the conference finals in 2002.

Paul Pierce had 35 points and 13 rebounds, but missed a three-pointer at the buzzer that could have tied it. Gary Payton, making his Boston debut, had six points and eight assists.

Wizards 103, Grizzlies 91: Antawn Jamison scored 34 points as Washington won in the first regular-season game at the new arena in Memphis.

Jason Dixon had 28 points and Jarvis Hayes added 20 points and six rebounds for the Wizards, who outscored Memphis 32-11 in the third quarter to take control.

Bonni Wells led Memphis with 19 points.

Mavericks 106, Hornets 91: Dirk Nowitzki, Michael Finley and Jerry Stackhouse helped visiting Dallas ruin Byron Scott's coaching debut with the Hornets.

All three scored 19 points, and Dallas had three other players reach double figures.

Baron Davis led the Hornets with 25 points, and Jamaal Magloire and David Wesley added 11 apiece.

Spurs 101, Kings 85: Tim Duncan scored 30 points and three-pointers made three three-pointers in his debut with San Antonio.

Manu Ginobili finished with 24 points and Barry had 16 on 6-for-9 shooting. Duncan had 14 rebounds and Rasho Nesterovic added 12.

The Spurs improved to 8-0 in openers since Duncan joined the team in 1997.

Suns 112, Hawks 82: Amar'e Stoudemire had 18 of his 23 points in the first half, helping Phoenix win the opener for both teams.

Stoudemire also had eight rebounds and two blocked shots. Joe Johnson scored 17 and Steve Nash had 10 points in his Suns debut.

Jazz 104, Lakers 78: Carlos Boozer had 27 points and 11 rebounds in his Utah debut. Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points and eight blocks, and the Jazz opened the season with a record-setting rout of Los Angeles.

The Lakers made only 20 field goals, three fewer than the previous franchise low. Los Angeles shot 24 percent, also the worst in team history.

Matt Harpring finished with 23 points and seven rebounds and Keith McLeod had eight assists — one more than the Lakers — in his first NBA start.

Kobe Bryant led Los Angeles with 38 points, but Lamar Odom, with 14, was the only other Lakers player in double figures.

Trail Blazers 78, Warriors 75: Nick Van Exel scored 13 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help Portland beat his former team.

Mike Dunleavy missed two three-pointers in the final seven seconds, including one at the buzzer, spoiling the NBA debut of Warriors coach Mike Montgomery.

Shafer Abdur-Rahim added 18 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Blazers.

Clippers 114, SuperSonics 84: Bobby Simmons scored a career-high 30 points and host Los Angeles routed Seattle to win its opener for the first time in eight years.

The victory also was the most lopsided in an opener in franchise history for the Clippers. The previous largest margin in an opener was a 133-112 over Milwaukee in 1976, when the Clippers were the Buffalo Braves.

Rashard Lewis had 24 for Seattle.

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roundup

Mets, Phils hire new managers

Mets lure Randolph away from Yankees; Phils select Manuel

BY RONALD BLUM

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Willie Randolph is moving across town.

The longtime New York Yankees coach was hired Wednesday night by the Mets, taking over as manager of a troubled team trying to compete with its crossstown rival for success, free agents and fans.

Randolph takes over from Art Howe, fired at the end of the season. The six-time All-Star was to be introduced Thursday during a news conference at Shea Stadium.

Filling the other remaining managerial opening, Charlie Manuel, who is to be introduced Thursday by the Philadelphia Phillies as the replacement for Larry Bow, who was fired on the final weekend of the season. The 60-year-old Manuel, who managed Cleveland from 2000-02, inherits a talented but underachieving club that hasn't reached the playoffs since 1993.

Also Wednesday, Houston removed the interim tag from manager Phil Garner, who took over from Jimmy Williams at the All-Star break and led the Astros to the playoffs. Garner received a two-year contract with a team option for 2007.

In New York, Randolph met Wednesday with new general manager Omar Minaya, who also had several interviews with the other finalists, Texas hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo and former Houston and Anaheim manager Terry Collins.

Randolph was a standout second baseman who spent 13 seasons with the Yankees, was a co-captain and helped win World Series titles as a player in 1977 and 1978, plus four more as a coach. He also played for Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, Oakland and Milwaukee before finishing his career with the Mets in 1992.

He said last month he had interviewed unsuccessfully in the past for 11 or 12 managerial openings.

"I thought it was very beneficial to have this second round," Minaya said late in the afternoon, before the deal was finalized. "It gives



Charlie Manuel, left, who lasted managed with the Cleveland Indians in 2003 before moving to Philadelphia as hitting coach, will become the Phillies manager. Willie Randolph, a longtime player and coach with the New York Yankees, will become manager of the crossstown Mets.

me a better feel for the decision I have to make."

At that time, he wouldn't say who the front-runner was, but his description of what he wanted fit Randolph perfectly.

"I'm looking for a person, a manager, that's going to have good work ethics, going to communicate with the players, communicate with the front office on a daily basis," Minaya said. "I'm looking for a manager that's going to be able to delegate to the staff. I'm looking for a manager that's going to interact with the community."

Minaya's new manager will have a year-round job, talking frequently with the minor league staff and farm director and visiting instructional and winter leagues during the offseason. The 50-year-old Randolph moved to bench coach under Yankees manager Joe Torre last season after 10 years coaching third base for the Yankees.

"I'm looking for a guy at the end of the day that has leadership qualities," Minaya said.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner is-

sued a statement Thursday wishing Randolph good luck.

"Willie Randolph was a great Yankee and valued member of our coaching staff. He's made valuable contributions to many of our championship teams as both a player and coach," Steinbrenner said.

"He will be missed but he's truly earned this position."

Randolph nearly was hired by Cincinnati after the 2000 season but withdrew from consideration after the Reds offered a relatively short contract at a below-market salary.

He becomes the fourth black manager in the major leagues, criticized by some for a lack of blacks in management positions, and the first in New York. The others currently managing are the Chicago Cubs' Dusty Baker, the Expos' Frank Robinson and Pittsburgh's Lloyd McClendon.

Coming off consecutive last-place finishes, the Mets had a promising first half in 2004 before collapsing after the All-Star break. They finished fourth in the NL East at 71-91, and Howe was fired halfway through a four-year contract.

MLB plans Dom. Rep. exhibitions this spring

The Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — The major leagues plan to put some 2005 spring training games in the Dominican Republic, returning exhibition baseball to the country after a five-year absence.

Baseball "wants to strengthen its ties with the Dominican Republic," said Lou Melendez, the commissioner's international operations director.

No dates or teams were announced.

Major league teams last played spring training games in the Caribbean country in 2000, when the Boston Red Sox played the Houston Astros twice.

Major League Baseball has held eight exhibitions in tours in the capital of Santo Domingo since 1936.

Built in 1955, Quisqueya Stadium is the best baseball park in the country, but it doesn't satisfy U.S. baseball's requirements to host official games. Dominican authorities planned to rebuild or remodel the stadium four years ago, but work on it never began.

In August, President Leonel Fernandez said the government might approve a \$75 million project to build a modern stadium in the center of the capital.

"Every year, the baseball industry injects more than \$70 million into the Dominican Republic. Major League Baseball is a great friend of the Dominican people," Melendez said.

There were more than 100 major leaguers from the Dominican Republic playing in the major leagues this season, more than from any country outside the United States.

Turin Olympic chief steps down in power struggle

The Associated Press

ROME — Just 15 months before the start of the Olympic Winter Games, the chief organizer of the 2006 event in Turin is quitting in a power struggle with the Italian government.

Valentino Castellani, head of organizing committee TOROC, said Thursday he will submit his resignation during a board meeting on Nov. 24.

Castellani felt undermined by the government's nomination of Mario Pescante, culture ministry undersecretary and former head of the Italian Olympic Committee, as overall supervisor for the Feb. 10-26, 2006 Games.

Pescante's appointment was confirmed during a meeting in Rome on Wednesday.

"The powers given to Pescante ... represent a lack of confidence in me and in the work I am doing now, and above all, in the capacity to continue it," Castellani said in a statement.

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TOROC has come under sharp criticism for a million-dollar budget shortfall. The Games have also been hindered by a lack of public awareness and enthusiasm in Italy.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge met with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi last month to press the government to step up support for the Games and encourage state companies to sign up as sponsors.

The right-leaning government responded by appointing Pescante as supervisor, a position that Castellani felt came into direct conflict with his own mandate.

"That's it. It's not worth trying to work this way anymore," Castellani, a former left-leaning mayor of Turin, said.

There was no indication of who may succeed Castellani.

Government officials insisted in announcing Pescante's appointment that his role would not clash with that of Castellani. But the latter considered it a personal attack.

"You can't occupy a position of responsibility like mine and not have the faith and support of all the people who have a responsibility for organizing the Olympics," Castellani said.

Gianni Petrucci, president of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) and one of the members of the commission that nominated Pescante, said he was sorry that Castellani was resigning. But he said Pescante's nomination was backed by all sides, not just the government.

Roddick, Henman upset in Paris Masters

PARIS — Top-seeded Andy Roddick and defending champion Tim Henman were upset in the third round of the Paris Masters on Thursday.

Roddick lost 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 to qualifier Max Mirnyi and Henman was beaten 7-5, 6-1 by unseeded Mikhail Yuznykh.

Yuznykh, who recently won his second career title at St. Petersburg, faces a quarterfinal against Radek Stepanek, a 6-2, 6-3 winner over No. 17 Vince Spadea.

In other action, second-seeded Lleyton Hewitt reached the quarterfinals when No. 14 Nicolas Pietrangeli with a thigh injury while trailing 4-3 in the first set. No. 13 Guillermo Canas beat Tommy Haas 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 and Feliciano Lopez defeated No. 11 Andrei Pavel 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. Pavel was last year's runner-up.

Maryland extends Yow's deal

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow signed a two-year contract extension through August 2010.

Yow is in her 11th year as AD, during which Maryland has won nine NCAA championships and

33 tournament or regular-season championships in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Summers leads in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Anthony Summers of Australia shot a 6-under on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the inaugural Vietnam Masters.

Scott Barr was one shot behind and Jason Dawes and Thaworn Wiratchart shot 68.

Summers, 49, is a former U.S. Open champion whose Vietnamese wife, Lavin, was his caddie, shot 71.

GM won't supply IRL engines

INDIANAPOLIS — General Motors will stop supplying Chevrolet engines to the Indy Racing Series after the 2005 season, citing the circuit's falling TV ratings and expensive competition from Honda and Toyota.

GM Racing director Doug Douchard said Wednesday the value of the IRL "no longer met our business objectives."

Spurrier rules out returning to Florida

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Steve Spurrier felt his time with the Florida Gators had passed.

After spending more than a week thinking about it, Spurrier decided Thursday to remove his name from consideration to replace Ron Zook.

"He said he's done his thing here and he just thinks it's better for us to go find a coach who will

be here for the next 10 or 15 years," athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

The Gators won six Southeastern Conference championships and the 1996 national title under Spurrier. He posted 12 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in league history.

Zook, who was hired in 2002 when Spurrier left to coach the Washington Redskins, was fired last week after the latest in a series of embarrassing losses, but will finish the season. Spurrier, who quit the Redskins after two losing seasons, was widely considered the leading candidate for the open job.

Foley and Spurrier exchanged several phone messages this

week, trying to set up an interview with school president Bernie Machen after the season.

"They were obviously making an effort to meet with me," Spurrier said in a statement.

But Spurrier's latest message ended all speculation about returning to his alma mater, Foley said.

"When I departed three years ago, there were several reasons

why I believed it was time to move on," Spurrier said. "Other than simply wanting to coach in the NFL, someday, I also believed that 12 years at Florida was probably long enough. Many people in football believe that around 10-12 years in the same job is about the maximum time a coach should stay."

With Thursday's announcement there was almost immediate speculation that Spurrier would end up in Miami with the Dolphins — even though Dave Wannstedt has not been fired.

"I have not been offered any coaching job by any team, and I'm not searching for one," Spurrier said.

Spurrier's decision, though, should make Florida's coaching search easier.

Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, Utah's Urban Meyer and Cal's Jeff Tedford are considered possible candidates.

Stoops, who spent three seasons as Spurrier's defensive coordinator at Florida, has repeatedly denied interest in the Gators' job. But a university source speaking on the condition of anonymity said Stoops might reconsider with Spurrier out of the picture.

Machen hired Meyer at Utah in December 2002, and Meyer's diverse offense would be welcomed in Gainesville after Zook failed with his NFL-style approach. But Meyer has no ties to Florida, which would make recruiting tough.

Tedford has spent his entire career on the West Coast, but he could be the perfect blend between Spurrier and Zook. His quarterback-tailored system has turned Cal into one of the top offenses in the nation, and his recruiting efforts match anyone in the country.

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**NHL cancels
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NEW YORK — In another sign the NHL season is slipping away, the league canceled its All-Star Game Wednesday because of the lockout.

No regular-season games have been played since the season was scheduled to begin Oct. 13, and NHL arenas have been given the go-ahead to release dates on a 45-day rolling basis. With the All-Star Game off the schedule, the next announcement could be the cancellation of the entire season.

The lockout, which entered its 49th day on Wednesday, was imposed by Commissioner Gary Bettman after the collective bargaining agreement expired on Sept. 15. Bettman declined comment on the cancellation of the game, which was scheduled to be held in Atlanta in February.

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Injured O'Neal big in debut

In Mourning's first game since kidney transplant, he can't contain Heat's 'massive' new center

BY TOM CANAVAN
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The greatest center in Miami history isn't sure that adding Shaquille O'Neal to the Heat lineup makes them a sure thing for the NBA Finals.

To be blunt, Alonzo Mourning thinks a good team can beat the Heat if they can get O'Neal in foul trouble.

The problem for Mourning is that he plays for the New Jersey Nets, a team that was decimated by offseason moves.

O'Neal toyed with Mourning and his mates on Wednesday night in his Heat regular-season debut, shooting 7-of-9 from the field for 16 points in a 100-77 win.

The contest also marked Mourning's first official game since getting a kidney transplant in December.

"It's a good team, but they are vulnerable, they are very vulnerable," Mourning said of the Heat, who reached the Eastern Conference semifinals last year.

Mourning, who spent seven seasons in Miami, insisted a good defensive team could shut down the shooters and the driving lane and give the Heat major problems.

"It's just a matter of approaching the game a little bit better defensively, but they are definitely vulnerable," Mourning said. "When the big fella goes out they rely on jump shooters and Dwyane Wade's penetration."

O'Neal, acquired from the Lakers in the offseason for three starters and a first-round draft pick, was limited to 21 minutes by a hamstring injury that made his availability a game-time decision.

His best stretch came early in the fourth quarter when he bul-

lied his way past Mourning for three baskets inside.

On one series, O'Neal caught the ball deep in the low post, used his oversized posterior to bump Mourning out of the way, then dropped in a layup with no one else around.

On his next trip downcourt, O'Neal freed himself with a shove to the back that the referees didn't see before knocking down a short jump hook.

Moments later, O'Neal got the ball in the low left block and hit a 10-foot baseline turnaround over Mourning for an 83-60 lead.

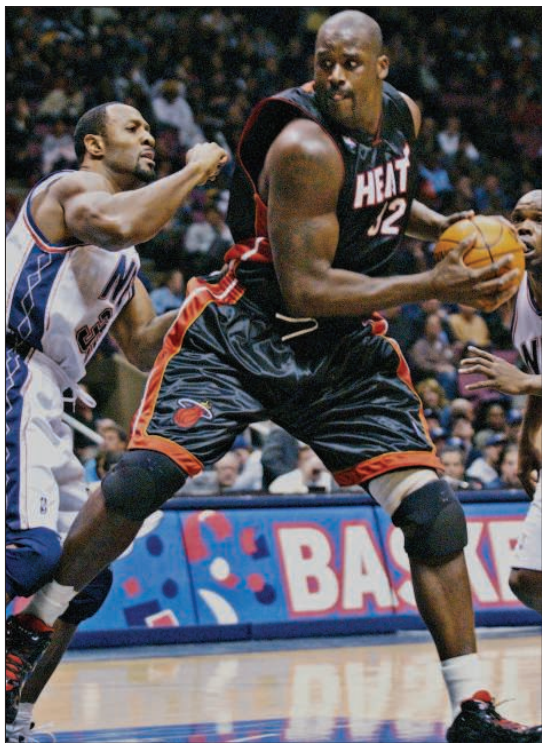
"It was one-on-one coverage, and I don't know anybody in this league that can guard him one on one," said Mourning, who finished with seven points, five rebounds and four fouls in 14 minutes. "I don't care if he has a pulled hamstring or he is slow — the man is big. He is a massive individual."

O'Neal held against the Nets. Wade had 21 points, six assists and five rebounds. Udonis Haslem had 18 points, Rasual Butler 16, Damon Jones 15 and Eddie Jones 10.

Richard Jefferson had 19 points and Zoran Planinic came off the bench to add 11 for New Jersey, which looked nothing like the team that went to the NBA Finals in 2002 and '03 and the second round last year, losing to eventual NBA champion Detroit.

In the offseason, All-Star forward Kenyon Martin was traded to Denver and starting shooting guard Kerry Kittles was shipped to the Clippers. All-Star point guard Jason Kidd is starting the season on the injured list after knee surgery in July.

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Heat center Shaquille O'Neal looks to make a move against Nets center Alonzo Mourning during the third quarter. Despite a hamstring injury, O'Neal made a successful debut for Miami, scoring 16 points.



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